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TELEGRAMS.

CHINA LOAN CRISIS.

TANG'S ABSURD DEMANDS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, May 4, 9 a.m.
Received, 9.40 a.m.

The meeting between Tang Shao-yi, Premier, and the international bankers has not resulted in the loan being fixed up.

The Premier wants unlimited funds with no stipulations as to supervision.

His resignation is prophesied.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, May 4, 12.25 a.m.

Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Minister, replying in the House of Commons to a question concerning the loan to China, of which the Government approves, said nobody wishes to infringe the independence of China, but at any rate if China borrows money it is for the lenders and the Governments concerned to fix conditions affording proper security.

TITANIC DISASTER.

BRITISH INQUIRY RESUMED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, May 3, 6 p.m.

The British Inquiry into the Titanic disaster has been resumed.

Sir Rufus Isaacs gave a clear and consecutive account of the disaster, paying particular attention to the speed of the Titanic and the warnings as to the presence of ice. He concluded by stating that the investigation would also be particularly directed to the question of the insufficiency of boats and the construction of the water-tight compartments.

SERIOUS SHORTCOMINGS.

The first witnesses called were stewards, who testified that the stewards and firemen had not been trained to lower the boats.

The witnesses further stated that they believed that the boats had neither lights, compasses or provisions. There was a rush by foreigners when the boats were lowered and they were hit with a tiller. The Chief Officer fired a revolver as a warning, and another officer was also compelled to fire. The inquiry was adjourned until Tuesday.

RELIEF FUNDS.

The total funds now stand at \$322,000.

TELEGRAMS.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

QUID PRO QUO.

(From Chinese Sources.)

Shanghai, May 3.

It is reported that Great Britain has declared its intention formally to recognise the New Republic conditional upon the New Territory adjoining Kowloon being further extended.

RAILWAY APPOINTMENTS.

The President has appointed Wong Ping-lin as Director of the Peking-Hankow Railway, and Lo Chu-wa Director of the Peking and Fengtien Railway.

LEGATION IN PAWN.

Sir Chun-tung, the Chinese Minister at Berlin, has telegraphed to the Government to the effect that some time ago the property in the Legation was pledged to raise the sum of 280,000 mark for the purpose of sending Chinese students educated in Germany back to their native land. The repayment of the loan is now due and the central Government is requested to remit the money at the earliest possible moment.

DRASTIC ACTION.

Peking, May 3.

One of the first acts of the Advisory Council which has been formed in Peking has been to force Lo Chung-Nim to resign his post as Secretary to the Council. He has been succeeded by Wong Wing-po.—"Shat Po."

UNHEEDED PROTEST.

The property owners in the native city of Hankow have entered a strong protest against the expressed intention of Vice President Li Yuan-heng to erect malloos (broad streets) in the city, but their objections are not being heeded.

THE POMP OF POWER.

The Ex-empress Dowager has instructed Sai Chuk, a Manchurian official, to negotiate with the President and obtain permission for the Bannermen forces to be used as a guard for the Ex-emperor. The request also asked that the force should not be under the orders of the Minister for War and on account of this the President has refused to grant the demand.—"Sai Kai Kung Yik Po."

TELEGRAMS.

MOROCCO.

SULTAN ABDICATES.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, May 3, 2.25 p.m.

Despatches from Fez show that before signing the French Treaty establishing a Protectorate over Morocco, Mulai Hafid insisted on abdicating, declaring that he became Sultan as the defender of Morocco against foreign intrusion. At the instance of the French Consul, however, he consented to await the arrival of M. Regnault, the official entrusted with the signing of the Treaty, in order not to show any disrespect to France.

On the arrival of M. Regnault, the Sultan repented his wish and abdicated, declaring that the French had deprived him of all power. Finally M. Regnault succeeded in gaining the Sultan's confidence and induced him to sign the Treaty, pointing out the international necessities involved.

HOME RACING.

ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS

Bombay, May 4, 12.55 a.m.

The result of the One Thousand Guineas, which was decidedly against backers, reads:—1, Tagalio; 2, Alope; 3, Belle Isle. Won by a length and a half; three quarters of a length separated second and third. Thirteen ran.

BETTING.

20-1 Tagalio, 20-1 Alope, 7-4 Belle Isle.

FIELD ALTERATIONS.

The following alterations were dispatched from Newmarket previous to the race:—Tagalio (Hewitt), Mountain Mint (Walter Grigg); Non starters:—Sourabaya, Gay Laura, Signorinetta and Enfosina.

JUBILEE BETTING.

The latest list quotations for the Jubilee Stakes (run at Kempton Park on the 11th inst., distance 1.1-4 miles) are:—0-1 Uncle Pat, 10-1 Royal Tender.

THE DERBY.

Run June 5th, at Epsom: distance about 1.1-2 miles. Betting:—3-1 Lomond, 9-1 Hall Cross, 20-1 Lorenzo.

HOME CRICKET.

London, May 3, 4.10 p.m.

Marylebone beat Nottingham by an innings and 56 runs, at Lords.

TELEGRAMS.

TURCO-ITALIAN WAR.

TURKS ROUTED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, May 4, 7.5 a.m.

Reuter's Rome correspondent wires that the Italian force at Noms has seized Lobda and routed the Turks, of whom 300 were killed.

The Italian casualties were small.

"SERIOUS SITUATION."

London, May 3, 4.50 a.m.

In the House of Lords, Lord Newton asked if the Government had addressed any representation to Italy on the subject of the closing of the Dardanelles. Lord Morley said he did not deny that a disastrous situation had arisen in the Black Sea and the Dardanelles, and the Government had been in constant communication with the Turkish and Italian Governments, with the result that after no unreasonable length of time, considering the difficulties with the Porte, the Straits would be re-opened. It was unreasonable to ask the Government to prescribe limits where in Turkey and Italy should carry on operations. That would be going beyond anything ever conceived in international law or diplomatic usage. The Government had thoroughly performed their duties as a neutral.

Lord Lansdowne asked if it was true the Porte will only re-open the Straits if Italy promises not to re-attack the Dardanelles. Lord Morley said that assertion was quite inconsistent with the words used to the British ambassador.

LIGHTHOUSE SCHEME.

In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Edward Grey, in reply to Mr. Sir Edward Grey, in reply to Mr. G. A. Moleno, M.P. (L.), said negotiations with Italy for the erection of a lighthouse at Garda Fui were discontinued in 1908 owing to difficulties raised in the course of negotiations with other Powers regarding the collection of dues at particular posts not in Italian territory. The Government were still hopeful that a scheme might be devised satisfactory to all the Powers.

BOMBS FROM THE AIR.

London, May 3, 3.50 p.m.

The Rome correspondent wires that dirigibles made a reconnaissance of the Turkish camp at Azizla, Suant and Denaden, and dropped forty bombs with terrible effect.

TELEGRAMS.

TAILORS STRIKE.

NO SPRING SUITS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, May 3, 6 p.m.

A strike has been declared by 15,000 tailors and tailoresses in the West End for improved conditions and increased pay.

Soho is practically impassable owing to the groups of strikers gathered outside the workrooms.

As a consequence of the strike the making of tens of thousands of spring suits has been held up.

The strike spread rapidly in the afternoon, the East End following the lead of the West.

BRITISH AIRCRAFT.

EXTENSIVE ORDERS.

London, May 3, 2.50 p.m.

The "Daily Mail" says the Government has authorised the purchase of sixty aeroplanes, and will order a hundred more immediately sufficient army and navy men have been trained.

CANTON NEWS.

Wong to Return.

(The "Telegraph" Correspondent.)
Canton, May 3.

Some days ago Dr. Sun Yat-sen and the Provincial Government sent a communication to Wong Ching-wai at Singapore asking him to return to Canton. They have now received a reply to the effect that Wong will return shortly.

The Discredited Soldiers.
Wu Han-man, the Governor-General, has issued a proclamation prohibiting disbanded soldiers from carrying arms and requiring them to surrender them to the Army Commissioner within the next few days. The proclamation goes further and orders them not to wear their badges while, at the same time, they are forbidden the city. Those who have already been disbanded will not be granted allowances or medals.

Dr. Sun's Address.
Yesterday the members of the "Public Peace Union" gave a reception in honour of Dr. Sun. After the usual presentation of an address the distinguished visitor remarked that Canton had not yet regained its former state of tranquillity and trade was in a bad state because of the prevalence of banditti. Now that the republic had been established he hoped they would all consider it their duty to do their best to place the affairs of the country on a sound footing. As regards finance that was also in a bad state and he hoped that they would pay their taxes without grudging, to enable the government to remedy matters as speedily as possible. He laid great stress on the necessity for developing industries.

TELEGRAMS.

RECENT COLLISION.

P. & O. BOAT'S FAULT.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, May 4, 7.5 a.m.

The Admiralty Court has decided that the P. and O. liner Oceana was alone to blame for the collision with the barque Pisagua which took place four miles west of Benchy Head on March 17 when the Oceana was on the run to Bombay. Consequently judgment has been entered for the owners of the Pisagua.

PRESIDENT TAFT AND RECIPROCITY.

ASTONISHING DISCLOSURE.

London May 3, 10.5 p.m.
Received 4, 12.15 p.m.

President Taft's letter written on January 10 1911 and days before the signature of the Reciprocity Treaty, said "the amount of Canadian produce we would take would produce current business between Western Canada, and United States, which would make Canada only an adjunct of the United States. It would transfer all their important business to Chicago and New York, with their bank credits. Everything else would increase greatly Canada's demand for our manufactures. I see this is an argument against reciprocity made in Canada. I think it a good one."

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt replied cordially endorsing President Taft's view, adding that he believed in free trade with Canada both for economic and political reasons.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, May 5th, Sunday after Easter. Holy Communion 8.15 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Responses: Ferial. Venite; Stanley. Psalms: of the 5th morning. "Te Deum: Smart in F. Jubilate: Ayrton in E. Anthem: "I waited for the Lord." Mendelssohn. Holy Communion 11.45 a.m. Kyrie: Adlam in F. Hymns: 302, 220. Preacher: Rev. F. T. Johnson, M.A. N. B.—Psalm 24, verses 1, 2 in unison. 25, verses 1, 2, 9, 10, 21 in unison. 26, verses 1, 8, 12 in unison. Evensong 5.45 p.m. Responses: Ferial. Psalms: of the 5th evening. Magnificat: Goss (7th evening). Nunc Dimittis: Havergal (7th evening). Hymns: 290, 137, 27. Preacher: Rev. G. A. Barnaby, M.A. N.B.—Psalm 27, verses 1, 3, 8, 10, in unison. 28, verses 1, 2, 7, 8 in unison. 29, verses 1, 4, 7 in unison.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m. Hymns: 4, 160, 175, 320; Venite; Russell. Psalms: 5th Morning; Psalm XXIV, Barnaby; XXV, Goss; Te Deum, Russell, Jones & Pye; Jubilate Hayes; Kyrie, No 3. Holy Communion at noon. Evening Prayer 6.00 p.m. Hymns: 165, 20, 277, 595; Psalms XXVII, Macfarren; XXVIII, Hopkins and Hopkins; XXIX, Macfarren; Magnificat, Smart Nunc Dimittis, Barnaby. Union Church, Kennedy Road. Minister, Rev. C. H. Hickling. Spring Services, 11 a.m. Worship. Hymns 14, 480, Psalm 100, Chant 60, Anthem, "Arise, shine," 8 p.m. Service in Park Church for Children and Friends, conducted by Rev. C. H. Hickling; 6 p.m. Worship, Hymns 12, 441, 489 and 471, Psalm 148 (Winchester).

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

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At the British Inquiry into the Titanic disaster it was testified that the lifeboats had neither lights, compasses or provisions and that the stewards and firemen were untrained in lowering the boats.

The Titanic Relief Funds in England now total £322,000.

Though abdicating, the Sultan of Morocco has signed the Treaty establishing a French Protectorate over the Kingdom.

The British Government is going ahead in the matter of building up a big air battalion, sixty aeroplanes being now about to be purchased, while a further hundred will be ordered as soon as sufficient men have been trained in their use.

The terms on which the Dardanelles are to be reopened have been raised in Parliament, Lord Morley admitting that there was a disastrous situation in the Black Sea and the Dardanelles.

The Italians claim a further big victory against the Turks, 300 of whom are reported to have been killed.

LOCAL.

The twenty third ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong Electric Company Ltd., was held to-day when a dividend of 14 per cent was declared.

An Indian nearly lost his life yesterday when he slipped from a Star Ferry steamer.

In connection with the capsized junk another body has been washed ashore.

GENERAL.

Our Canton correspondent says that some days ago Dr. Sun Yat-sen and the Provincial Government sent a communication to Wong Ching-wai at Singapore asking him to return to Canton. They have received a reply to the effect that Wong will return shortly.

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12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.	" 10 min.
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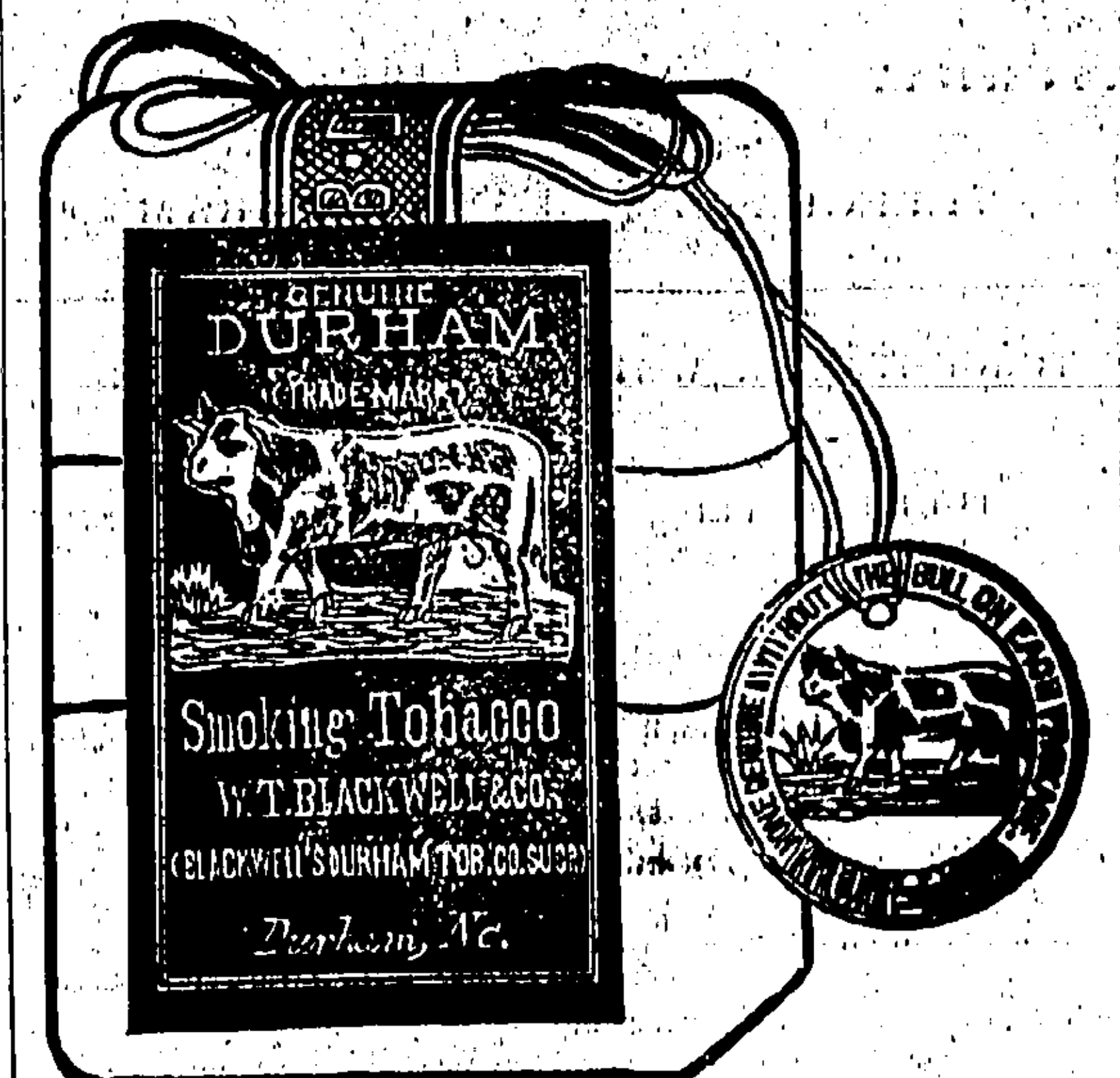
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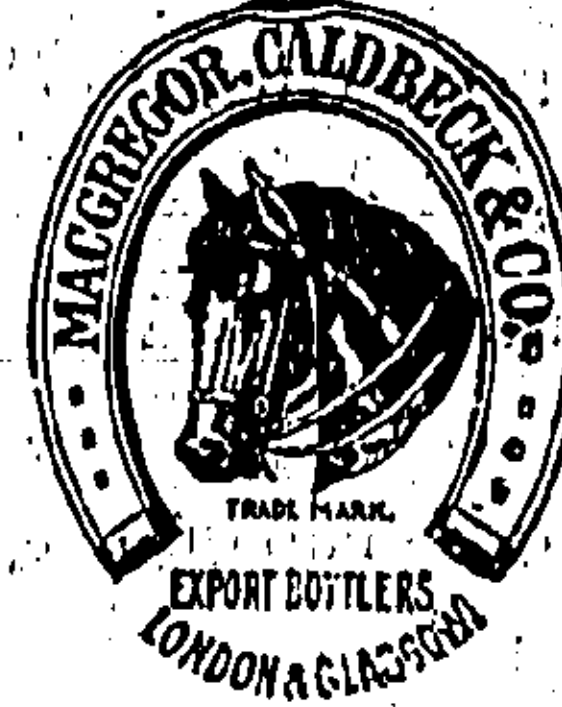
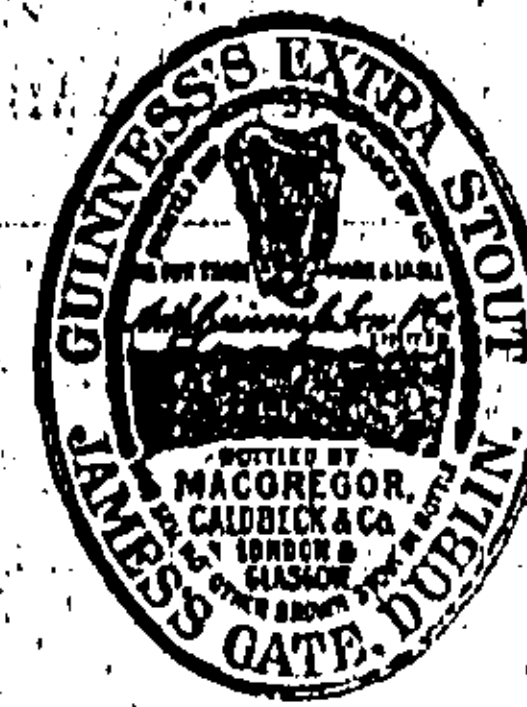
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OUR
CONTEMPORARIES.

WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

China's Native Press.

In a few pregnant sentences,
Dr. Sun said the Press to-day is a
powerful weapon for good or for
evil, and it is capable of leading
public opinion in a marked degree.
On the other hand, it can be a
power that may be used to undo
things as well as to construct.
This extract may not do justice
to Dr. Sun's eloquence; but it
doubtless precisely conveys his
meaning of the power and the
responsibility of the Press; and it
is pleasing to know that one of
the most powerful of the new
regime should thus publicly give
due weight to the Press of his
country, complimenting the
editors on the manner in which
they are discharging their respon-
sible duties, and urging them to
continue their excellent work.
Into the discussion that took place
regarding the duty of the Press
to assume a certain attitude in
discussing the political affairs of
their country, we will not follow
His Excellency, being convinced
that the conductors of the
Canton papers, as well as the
conductors of all responsible
publications throughout China,
need little or no guidance in
such a matter.

Daily Press

Japan's Trade.

Apart from the disturbance of
trade by bringing into operation
a revised import tariff, and again
by the revolution in China, there
is little of special interest to note
in the country's trade. One
feature which may be mentioned
is the development of the trawling
industry. We note that 50 steam
trawlers were imported in 1911
as compared with 13 in 1910 and
8 in 1909. There was also a
notable advance in the in-
creased use of fertilizers and
of all kinds of machinery, espe-
cially electrical machinery, and
electrical wire. Another increased
importation has been that of bicy-
cles and rubber tyres for jimrick-
shaws, which has led to the estab-
lishment of a British bicycle fac-
tory at Kobe, and there is, we
are told, reasonable prospect that
motors will soon be an important
article of trade despite the very
bad roads still usual in Japan.
The present ought to be a good
year for Japan. An abundant
rice harvest last year relieves
Japan of the grave difficulties she
had to face owing to a shortage
of the 1910 crop, and if the Chi-
nese Government succeeds in its
efforts to restore peace and order
throughout the country there
ought to be a great revival of
trade from which Japan would
certainly benefit.

South China Morning Post.

Public Bathing Places.

Recognition of sea bathing by
the authorities on the lines in-
dicated will prove to be a boon
to the many who cannot afford in
these times of expensive living to
hire steam launches to transport
them to less public places than
the beaches in question. Mr.
Ross suggested that, in the event
of the foreshore being too valuable
to be allotted to such a purpose,
floating bathing places might be
erected. The idea is certainly
an excellent one from the
point of view of the
swimmer, but the great majority
of those who would frequent the
beaches east and west of the city
in the event of the Government
transforming them into public
resorts, would, in our opinion,
prefer their dip in safety with a
sure footing under them. The
Colonial Secretary threw out a
hint that suggestions with regard
to the proposed bathing places
would be acceptable. He has
only to recall what is provided
for the public in any of the
smaller watering places at home,
and plan the Hongkong public
bathing resorts upon similar lines,
not forgetting the needs of the
ever-growing community on the
other side of the harbour.
Hongkong is far too busy a place
to ever become a "Blackpool"
Margate, but the Government
can greatly enhance the attrac-
tions of life here, especially in
the summer months, by taking
proposals to take.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR LIABILITIES, DUTIES AND POWERS.

Foreword.

The article this week deals as to the first part with the right of a minority of shareholders to obtain an investigation of the affairs of the company, by inspectors appointed by the Court. This is not a new provision but is taken from the old Act and Ordinance the only alteration being that, in Hongkong, the application is to be made to the Court, instead of, as formerly, to the Governor. The second part of the article relates to the right of a director to recover contribution from his co-directors, in respect of moneys ordered to be paid by him by reason of his having acted improperly as a director, with the assent of such co-directors. Had it not been for the express provisions of the Ordinance to this effect the old rule that there is no contribution between joint wrongdoers would have prevented a director from receiving contribution from the others.

(Continued from last Saturday)

By Section 110 of the New Ordinance (Section 109 of the Act of 1908) provision is made somewhat similar to that which was made by Sections 105-110 of the Ordinance of 1895 (Sections 50-61 of the Act of 1892), whereby a minority of the shareholders of a Company (members holding not less than one-tenth of the shares) can obtain an investigation of its affairs, upon application to the Court for the appointment of inspectors for that purpose. There is a difference between the wording of this section, and that of the corresponding section of the Home Act, in that the latter provides (similarly to the Act of 1892) that inspectors may be appointed to investigate the affairs of a Company upon application being made for that purpose to the Board of Trade. In the new local Ordinance power to make such appointment is given to the Court. Under the repealed Ordinance it was given to the Governor. In England it was held by the Court of Appeal in the case of *re The Grosvenor, &c., Hotel Co., Ltd.*, 76 L. T. 337, that "the object of the sections 'is simply to afford to a minority of a Company constituted under the Act an opportunity for obtaining information which they could not otherwise obtain; that the examination is to be made for the purpose of making a report, and that report, when made has no legal effect with regard to any one, and cannot be used as against any one. The enquiry held by the Board of Trade 'is not a judicial enquiry, and has nothing in the nature of a judicial determination'; and that 'the report is merely evidence of the opinion of the inspectors.' Consequently it was held that the Court could not prohibit the Board of Trade, nor the inspector appointed by the Board, from continuing the investigation, although other proceedings were pending against the directors, which proceedings, it was contended, were embarrassed and prejudiced by the enquiry.

By Section 111 of the Act of 1908 it is expressly provided (and is similarly provided by Section 112 of the new Ordinance) that a copy of the inspectors' report, authenticated by the seal of the Company, shall be admissible in any legal proceedings as evidence in relation to any matter contained in the report. This provision, however, is precisely similar to the provisions of Section 61 of the Act of 1892 (Section 110 of the Ordinance of 1895) and therefore in no way affects the decision of the Court of Appeal in the case cited.

But, in Hongkong, the position would seem to be very different under the provisions of Section 110 of the new Ordinance, which require the inspectors to be appointed by the Court, and consequently where the Court must have jurisdiction to remove a person it has itself appointed, or to suspend the enquiry. The effect of the Section in the Ordinance is therefore apparently by no means the same as the effect of the corresponding section of the Home Act, and the case cited is now no authority in this Colony. The provisions, however, of Section 112 of the Ordinance render the report of inspectors appointed by the Court of no greater value, as evidenced by the report of inspectors in England appointed by the Board of Trade. It is not evidence of the facts stated therein, but merely of the opinion of the inspectors. This being so, it would seem that it can no more be made the actual foundation of any subsequent action than can a report in England. Nevertheless the information acquired by the shareholders from the report will enable them to decide whether or not to take subsequent proceedings; and no doubt also to obtain evidence of the facts stated in the report, which may itself be produced as evidence of the opinion of the inspectors, and in justification of the action of the shareholders.

By Section 111 of the Ordinance it is provided that a Company may by special resolution appoint inspectors to investigate its affairs; but in such an event the report is not to be made to the Court but to the Company in General Meeting. An authenticated copy of that report may, however, be afterwards used in legal proceedings as evidence of the opinion of the inspectors.

Contribution.

By Section 86 (4) of the new Ordinance (Section 84 (4) of the Act of 1908) it is provided that every person who by reason of his being a director, or named as a director or as having agreed to become a director, or of his having authorised the issue of the prospectus, becomes liable to make any payment under that Section may recover contribution, as in cases of contract, from any other person who, if sued separately, would have been liable to make the same payment, unless the person who has become so liable was, and that other person was not, guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation.

This provision is taken from Section 5 of the Directors Liability Act 1890. The effect of it, to a large extent, alters the law, in so far as directors are concerned, as laid down in the well-known case of *Merrymweather v. Nixon* 8 T. R. 180, in which it was held that there is no contribution between joint tortfeasors. In the case of *Grosvenor v. Simpson* (1903) 2 K. B. 197, where an action was brought to recover damages from the defendant for alleged false representations contained in the prospectus of a Company of which the defendant was a director, it was argued on behalf of other directors, whom the defendant brought in as third parties, that the action being one of deceit the liability of the defendant arose under the common law, and not under the Directors Liability Act, and that therefore the defendant had no right of contribution. Lord Halsbury L. C., however, held (the other Judges of the Court of Appeal concurring) that the Act stated "with unusual clearness that, with reference to this particular class of tort, and to this class of persons, namely co-promoters and co-directors, who have issued a prospectus as in the present case, the ordinary rule that there shall be no contribution between tortfeasors shall not apply, but the rights of the parties shall be treated as though it were a question of contract, and not of tort." Contribution was therefore ordered to be made.

The right of contribution, inasmuch as it is specially stated in the Act and Ordinance to be a right "as in cases of contract," is not lost as against a deceased director who might have been separately sued had he lived, but a director against whom damages have been recovered in respect of the issue of a fraudulent prospectus, is entitled to obtain contribution from the estate of such deceased

director. This was so held in the case of *Shepherd v. Bray* (1906) 2 Ch. 235, in which Warrington J. said: "Now in cases of contract the right to recover contribution arises, not from any notion of implied contract, but as an equitable right springing from the relations of the parties as persons liable for the same debt. As in cases of contract must mean as in cases... where the right of contribution arises from certain contractual relations."

But, apart from the statutory provisions before mentioned, a director is entitled to contribution from those of his co-directors who have concurred in any ultra vires transaction on behalf of the Company, in respect of which money has been recovered from him. Thus it was held in the case of *Ashhurst v. Mason* L. R. 20 Eq. 225 that where shares of a Company were purchased and transferred into the name of one of its directors, in trust for the Company, pursuant to an ultra vires resolution of the board, those others of the directors who concurred in the transaction were liable to contribution in respect of the calls he had paid. And in the later case of *Ramsell v. Edwards* 31 Ch. D. 100, where the directors of a Company had advanced money upon unauthorised securities, and the money so lent had been lost, it was held that each of the directors who had sanctioned the loan was liable for contribution; and, moreover, that the liability to contribute survived against the estate of one of such directors who had died.

As already stated, the directors of a Company are in the position of trustees for the Company of its money and property coming into their hands. They are therefore each entitled to contribution from the others of them who have concurred in any breach of trust, in respect of any loss thereby incurred and recovered from one of them; and are so entitled as against the estate of a deceased director who when living, had sanctioned that breach of trust (*Jackman v. Nicholson* (1903) 1 Ch. 947). Moreover, where directors have paid dividends out of capital, they are entitled to recover back from the shareholders the dividends so paid to the latter, when they themselves have been compelled to pay such amount to the liquidator of the Company upon its being wound up (*National Funds Insurance Co.* 10 Ch. D. 118). And they are also entitled to recover back from the shareholders money paid out of the capital of the Company, otherwise than by way of dividends, if they are themselves ordered to repay such money on the ground that it had been improperly paid by them, although so paid with the assent of the shareholders (*Mozlam v. Grant* (1900) 1 Q. B. 88). Not only are the directors entitled to be indemnified by the shareholders in respect of payments improperly made to the latter with their assent, but they are also entitled to be similarly indemnified by creditors of the Company who are cognisant of, and parties to, a payment of their debts by improper means (*Alexandra Palace Co.* 21 Ch. D. 140).

(To be continued.)

FRANCE LACKS COPPERS

There is a famine of copper coins in Paris just now. The big business firms in Paris feel it most, and the absurd position has arisen that firms which need a certain amount of copper coinage every day have been obliged to pay as much as 5 per cent. premium for half-pennies and pennies in any large amount. Inquiries at the mint do not elucidate the mystery. The mint struck £60,000 worth of copper coinage during 1911, turning out between 2480 and 2600 of pence and half-pence every day. Owing to the famine, £20,000 worth of copper coins will be issued this year, but it is still a mystery what becomes of them. Superficial thinkers blame the increase of omnibus traffic, the tube, and the extension of the use of penny-in-the-slot machines of all possible kinds, but even the penny-in-the-slot machines, though they absorb copper coinage in large quantities, discharge it eventually, so that the famine remains inexplicable.—*Evening Standard*.

HOME RULE DEBATE.

SIR E. GREY'S SPEECH.

Reuter's.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

(The following telegrams appeared in an "Extra" published yesterday after we went to press.)

Bombay, May 3, 11.10 a.m.
Received, 4.12 p.m.

During the debate on the Home Rule Bill, Sir Edward Grey dealt especially with the advantages of the Bill in relieving the Imperial Parliament of the present congestion of business. He said to reply to Mr. Balfour's questions would require prolonged historical research, and he frankly said he was not prepared to answer them. But he would ask a question in return. Mr. Balfour had said that there was no exact parallel with the Transvaal. The parallel had been mentioned not as an exact parallel but simply to show that the prophet of evil was not always right even when he was the Leader of the Opposition. He would ask Mr. Balfour was there ever a parallel in the British Empire for the monstrous over-concentration of business in the House of Commons? The present system had been proved unworkable and Devolution was required not for Ireland alone. The present plan was admittedly not complete and the Bill did not lay down a pattern of a Federal system which was applicable universally to the United Kingdom, as perfect similarity was unnecessary. He admitted the Ulster difficulty, but if Ulster defeated the solution proposed it would be impossible for the present state of affairs to continue, and some other solution must be found to free the House of Commons and to put the control of Irish affairs in Irish hands. He believed, however, that the present animosity in different parts of Ireland would disappear when for the first time they had a sense of joint responsibility.

MR. ISMAY.

LEAVES FOR ENGLAND.

London, May 3, 4.5 p.m.

Received 4.15 a.m.

Mr. Ismay, Chairman of the White Star Line, has left New York for England.

AMBASSADOR BRYCE.

HIS RECALL DENIED.

London, May 3, 4.5 a.m.

Received 4.15 p.m.

The papers deny the rumour that the Right Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador to Washington, who has started on a holiday to Australia, has been recalled. They state that his leave was arranged long before the publication of an old letter from President Taft to Mr. Roosevelt declaring that reciprocity would make Canada only an adjunct of the United States. The letter has created sensation in Canada.

SHIPPING EXPANSION.

London, May 3, 4.5 p.m.

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The Royal Mail Steamship Company offers £200,000 in ordinary stock at a price of £110. The capital is required for the construction of new steamers and the general development anticipated on the opening of the Panama Canal, which will afford an opportunity of developing the valuable connections of the Company in the Pacific.

PARENTAGE OF NEW YORKERS

In terms of percentage the population of New York, in 1910, was 15.72 per cent. British, 15.19 per cent. of Russian birth or parentage, 12.74 per cent. German, 11.16 per cent. Italian, 8.35 per cent. Austro-Hungarian, 1.07 per cent. Scandinavian, 13.49 per cent. of mixed foreign or mixed native parentage, 19.33 per cent. native whites of native parentage, 1.02 per cent. negro, .13 per cent. coloured.

The number of Jews in 1910 was 1,205,900. There were in New York in 1900, 600,000 Jews, and the increase of the population of Russian parentage since 1900 has alone been large enough to raise the number of Jews in New York over the one million mark.

The Italian population of Greater New York, while smaller than that of Naples, outnumbers that of either Rome or Milan to the extent of about 50,000; the Russian group outnumbers Odessa by about 300,000 and is more than half the size of St. Petersburg and the Austro-Hungarian group is more than half the size of Budapest.

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CHINESE CONGREGATIONS AND SECRET SOCIETIES.

Writing under the above heading, in "Le Courrier d'Haiphong", Mr. Charles Rouyer issues a word of warning to his compatriots in the neighbourhood of Tonkin. The congregations, he says, are carrying on their work in broad daylight, tolerated and even encouraged by the Government, whose mission they indirectly further; while the societies at all times and in any case constitute a very grave danger. From the moment of his birth the Chinaman is attached by his parents to one or more of these secret-official companies. If he is called upon to leave his fatherland, either from taste for travel or because he wishes to obtain work in countries where Chinese labour is greatly sought after by reason of the Chinaman's known docility, temperance, devotion to work and readiness to accept a minimum wage, he will never dream of leaving home until he is first assured of finding, in the new country, one or other of the societies or congregations of which he is a member; and to them he will go armed with introductions which will ensure their receiving him as a friend—nay, even as a brother.

Thus the Chinaman is never alone; his mind can in no sense work independently; and such a slave is he to this form of Freemasonry that he will risk or sacrifice his life rather than betray its secrets, for death is a matter of indifference to so fatalistic a being. What wonder then that he emigrates boldly where other races hesitate? What wonder that, in Indo-China, for example, the Government deigns to treat directly with the leaders of these societies? By dealing with those associations, officially known as Congregations, it finds its foreign transactions greatly simplified; and furthermore it is assured of that general security which springs from the fact that the heads of the associations make themselves responsible for preserving public order.

So far so good, but, urges M. Rouyer, what of the danger to the body politic, lurking in the secret societies? China, in her own interest, exercises as much supervision over them as is possible, but untold dangers and difficulties lie in the supervisor's path; the very mandarin who is responsible for an enquiry into the conduct of them, risks his life, *ipso facto*, for often the very agent whom he employs is, unknown to him, a society-member. And so these associations are flourishing in the very heart of official life, defiant in the knowledge that their stronghold is impregnable; for the Chinaman obeys unswervingly all orders coming from his confederates, on pain of unspeakable punishments. The perils and possibilities arising from such a state of affairs are obvious to need pointing out; and it is not surprising that the law—when by chance it is able to exercise itself—is pitiless towards society-members. "It is for us then," concludes M. Rouyer, "to take our precautions, and to exercise keen surveillance over our frontier; for one signal given by the powerful chief of one of these associations would suffice to place us in a very difficult predicament at a time when grave events are taking place within a stone's throw of our territory."

DAY BY DAY.

The beginning of wise living
lies in the control of the brain by
the will.

Eleven Bodies Found.

No less than eleven dead bodies
were found by the police in the
open yesterday.

Street Gambling.

A man was fined \$5 or four
days' at the Police Court this
morning for street gambling.

Compound Opium.

At the Police Court this morning
a man was fined \$6.25 for
being in unlawful possession of
compound opium.

Three Blind Mice "Eclipsed."

Out of a flock of 250 ewes a
New Zealand farmer found 20
stone blind. The blindness was
due, it is believed, to ants.

Theft of Fish.

A Chinese was sentenced to
six weeks at the Police Court
this morning for stealing a
quantity of fish from the Market.

Washed Ashore.

Another body of one of the
crew of the junk which was
captured on the 30th ult. outside
the Harbour has been washed
ashore.

Opium.

At the Police Court, this morning
a man was fined \$70 or six
weeks for being in unlawful
possession of a quantity of
opium.

Obstruction.

A fine of \$3 or seven days was
the punishment imposed on a
man at the Police Court this
morning, for causing an obstruction
at West Point.

To-morrow's Base-ball Match.
To-morrow at 2.30 p.m. a base-
ball match is to be played on the
Polo ground. The teams will be
representative of the crews of the
Minnesota and the American
battleship Piscataqua.

Boatwomen Fined.

At the Marine Court this morning
three Chinese boatwomen were
charged with mooring their
boats alongside the Aberdeen
Wharf in such a way as to prevent
free access thereto. They
were each fined \$5.

Industrious Baronets.

Four baronets of the United
Kingdom are working for their
living in New Zealand. One is
a dentist, another a solicitor,
while the remaining two are
respectively civil servant and
land-agent.

Persian Women Patriotic.

W. Morgan Shuster, formerly
Treasurer-General of Persia, in a
cabled interview regarding the
struggle between Persia and Russia,
declared that "The Persian
women were ready to shed the
last drop of their blood to free
their country from ignominious
subjection to Russia."

American Bird Shot in the F.M.S.

The "Straits Times" informs
us that Mr. John Galloway, gunner
at Pudu, while out shooting recently
on the Circular Road,
Kuala Lumpur, bagged an American
blue-wing teal. The bird is
very rare and Mr. Galloway has
presented it to the local museum.

The Coal Strike Problem.

"There are," writes the "London Economist," "no means by which Parliament can compel miners to work, and equally there are no means by which Parliament can compel any owner to work a mine at a loss. If a large number of mines are permanently closed as a result of legislation, thousands of colliers will be thrown permanently out of employment; and, if the cost of exploiting new coal fields is increased, there will be a check upon development. So that in two different ways—first, by closing old collieries; second, by preventing the opening of new ones—the interests of the colliers would suffer."

Wireless in the Harbour.

The regulations made by the
Governor with regard to the use
of wireless telegraph apparatus
on merchant ships and published
in the Government Gazette of the
April 30 1910, has been amended
as follows:—

Regulation 2 is revoked and
the following is substituted there-
for:—

"2. No apparatus for wireless
telegraphy on board a merchant
ship shall be worked or used
whilst such ship is in any of the
harbours of the Colony, except
with the special or general per-
mission in writing of the Colonial
Secretary of the Colony."

Dumping Rubbish.
For dumping rubbish at West
Point yesterday a man was fined
\$2 or seven days at the Police
Court this morning.

Christian Union Meeting.
The Christian Union Meeting
Monday, the May 6, will be held
at the St. Andrew's Church Hall,
Kowloon, at 5.30 p.m.

Gambling Den Raided.
Seven men and a woman were
brought before the Bench this
morning, charged with gambling
in a house in Wanchai; they
were each fined \$2 or seven
days.

Raymond's Latest.
The Mysterious Raymond gave
another baffling performance at
the Theatre Royal last night to a
most appreciative audience. In
addition to his well-known feats,
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Ark illusion, he resisted all effort
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tricating himself in the twinkling
of an eye from a bewildering
arrangement of devices intended
to secure him. To-morrow
Raymond opens a season at the
Kan U Fong Chinese Theatre,
near Gough Street.

SIAM'S NEW DES- TROYER.

Speaking of the new Siamese
destroyer *Sua Kamron Sindr*,
recently built at Kobe, the
"Siam Weekly Mail" states that
she has displacement of 373 tons
and is a sister ship of the de-
stroyer *Sua Tayarn Chul*, which
was also built by the same firm
and delivered to the Navy De-
partment about three years ago.

The new vessel is fitted with
Curtis turbine engines, which are
the first of their kind in the
world for a vessel of her class and
size to carry. The official trials
took place at Kobe at the end of
last month and proved quite
satisfactory, the speed attained
being 28 knots.

NEWS FROM SWATOW.

Lim Leaves Unexpectedly.

Swatow, May 3.
The China Merchants' s.s.
Taishun arrived here to-day at
noon in readiness to transport
Lim Koh Tschin's troops back to
Canton. It is reported that they
will not have sufficient time in
which to embark this afternoon,
but that they will do so to-mor-
row, and the steamer will leave
to-morrow afternoon.

Lim unexpectedly left for
Hongkong yesterday afternoon,
per s.s. Haiman, and it is ex-
pected that he will remain in
Hongkong long enough to ascer-
tain how he will be received in
Canton should he venture there.

I trust that is no mistake in the
report that these soldiers will leave
to-morrow, but I shall advise you
definitely at the time.

SANITARY BOARD.

The orders of the day for the
meeting on Tuesday, are as
follow:—

1. Letter from Government re-
lative to the erection of an addi-
tional water closet on the 3rd
floor of King's Building (The
Asiatic Petroleum Company's
premises) Marine Lot No. 287.

2. Letter from Government re-
lative to the erection of an addi-
tional water closet on the top
floor of Messrs. William Powell
and Company's premises at No.
12, Des Vaux Road Central,
Marine Lot No. 20.

3. Minute by the President of
the Sanitary Board relative to the
suggested changes in the Draft
Estimates for 1913.

4. Report of the Select Com-
mittee appointed to ascertain
whether their original recom-
mendations in connection with
the Pokfulam Reservoir Catch-
ment area dated April 30, 1910,
have been adequately carried out.

5. Correspondence relative to
latrine accommodation at No. 18,
Bowring Road.

6. Report from the Government
Analyst on the public water sup-
plies for the month of April,
1912.

7. Mortality return from Macao
for the weeks ending April 15
and 22, 1912.

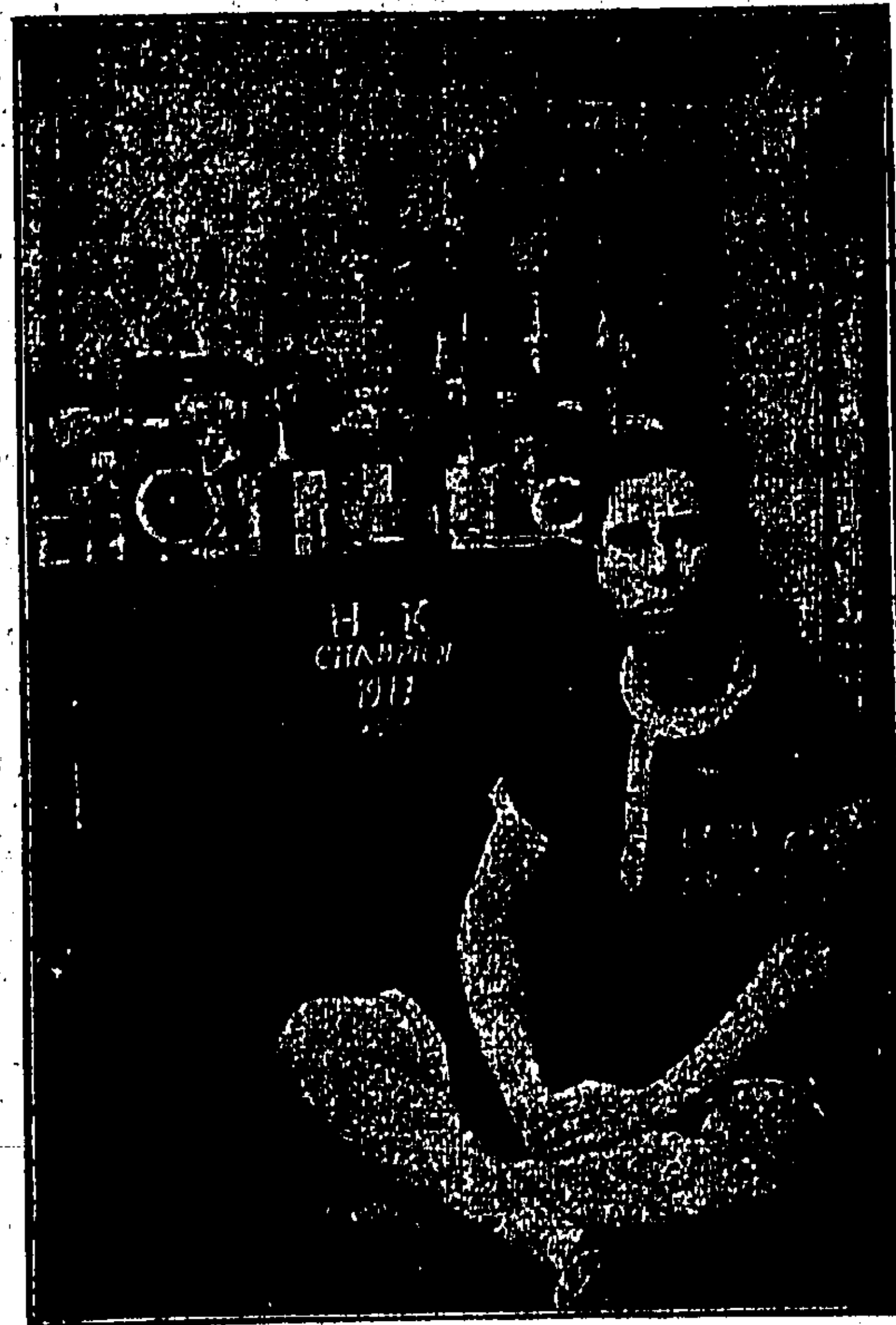
8. Mortality return for the
month ending March 31 and for
the weeks ending April 6 13 and
20 1912.

9. Linewashing return for the
fortnight ending April 16 1912.

10. Rat return for the weeks
ending April 20 and 27 1912.

REMARKABLE LOCAL ATHLETE

J. F. H. Castro's Career.



So impressed was I by the run-
ning of J. F. H. Castro the first
time I saw him put that I felt
there was material in the lad
which should bring him in the
forefront of pedestrianship if he
was only systematically and sci-
entifically trained like runners at
Home or in Australia and America,
and I determined to go into his
career and publish some of his re-
cords on the track.

At the V. R. C. sports he cov-
ered the 100 yards in the remark-
ably good time of 10 2/5 and his
style impressed me greatly. He is
a little impetuous when awaiting
the pistol but this is a fault he can
overcome by training control.
In a handicap his breaks would
cause him to be penalised to such
an extent that his success would be
in great danger.

On the programme he was stat-
ed to have completed 120 yards
in the practically impossible time
of 11 1-5, and the stewards of the
meet insisted that that was a true
record of the time. It would be
very interesting to know what
they were timing with. Castro
does not agree with the return,
and very wisely so, too, when one
comes to consider the accomplish-
ments of the world's greatest and
fastest runners.

I was present at Manchester
United's Ground, at Oldham,
when Postle beat Grosvenor for
the Championship of the world,
and these lightning streaks of
the track were supposed to have
done something wonderful when
they finished four yards inside
evens over a similar distance to
that which Castro is accredited
with doing in 11 1-5. This
means they did 11 3-5 in a run
for the Championship of the
world, and in the pink of condi-
tion whilst Castro, without the
care they received, is on the
showing on the programme, able
to give either of them four yards
and finish on the tape.

I have a list of Castro's best
times and it contains some very
fine performances indeed.

Castro was born in Hongkong
on November 27, 1891 and dur-
ing his school days, which were
spent at St. Joseph's College, he
showed that he was likely to
make an athlete. He commenced
his career on the track by run-
ning for his school and the first
time he stripped for the 100 yards
he beat eleven seconds, by a fifth.
This time was the inducement he
he required to take up running
seriously and he commenced to
train in earnest. As time slipped
on he wiped inches off his
10 4/5 until a fortnight ago he was
able to do 10 2/5 without being
unduly pressed.

Over 220 yards his best time
is 23 2/5 and it is on record that he
has negotiated the 100 yards in
10 1/5. I did not witness this,
however, and though I have not
seen him do the distance in any-
thing less than 10 2/5 I am con-
fident that he is capable of beat-
ing that time. At the V. R. C. meet
he was not pressed, although
Goldenberg ran well. Had
the latter got a better start
a pressure would certainly have
been brought to bear on Castro
that would in all probability
have led to better time. He has
also a record of completing 128
yards in 13 secs.

I asked him who was the toughest
opponent he had ever met
and he said he had two very
tough ones in Corporal Andrews
(the Buffs) and W. G. Carroll.

"I am," he said, willing and
eager to meet all comers (locally)
level over any distance up
to 220 yards. I do not
fear any amateur in or about the
Colony.

In the near future I hope to
have the pleasure of seeing him
find evens for the century and I
hope to be the first to congratulate
him on accomplishing that which
I feel he can do, and which I can
predict he will do without having
to withdraw my remarks.

XAVIERIAN.

APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Officer Ad-
ministering the Government has
been pleased to appoint Mr.
Fletcher to be his private
secretary.

His Excellency the Officer Ad-
ministering the Government has
been pleased to re-appoint, pro-
visionally and subject to His
Majesty's pleasure, the Hon. Mr.
E. A. Hewitt, O.M.G., to be an
un-official member of the Legisla-
tive Council for a further period
of six years.

His Excellency the Officer Ad-
ministering the Government has
been pleased to appoint, under
the provisions of Section 10 of
the Public Health and Buildings
Ordinance, 1903-1909, A. K.
Taylor to be a sanitary inspector,
with effect from the March 27,
1911.

His Excellency the Officer Ad-
ministering the Government has
been pleased to appoint Dr. F. W.
Clark, Medical Officer of Health,
to act as Colonial Veterinary Sur-
geon in addition to his other du-
ties, during the absence on leave
of Mr. Adam Gibson, M.B.O.V.S.,
or until further notice.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Psychologist.

We must all be grateful to the
professor of psychology who
informs the world that Mr.
Roosevelt's course is to be ex-
plained as the "distortion of
conscious mental processes
through the force of subconscious
wishes." Otherwise we might
have thought it was due to some
other cause.

Illness and Drink.

Writing in one of the leading
British journals, M. Loane says:—
"Calculations are often made with
reference to the waste caused by
excessive drinking, or by insani-
tary housing, preventable disease,
and premature death." But, he
says, "probably the loss occasion-
ed by sheer loss of idleness, result-
ing in domestic neglect, voluntary
unemployment, and under-em-
ployment, outweighs them all,
especially when one considers how
large a proportion of these sepa-
rate estimates could fairly be
added to its score. Men drink be-
cause they are dispirited, and are
dispirited because they are idle."
Sound words these, as Hongkong
could very well testify.

An Old Sea Dog.

It is interesting to read what the
South Wales Daily News says
of the late Capt. T. H. Sloggett,
whose exploits in terrorising
pirates on the China coast formed
the subject of an article in the
"Telegraph" of yesterday. "The
family of Sloggett," remarks the
journal, "occupies a prominent
and honourable place in the old
commercial rolls of Cornwall.
Captain Sloggett's grandfather's
name occurs in a Government
return that was ordered in 1804
during the French wars giving a
list of West of England ship-
builders. For generations the
Sloggetts of Padstow, where de-
ceased was born in 1832, were
identified with shipbuilding; and
Captain T. H. Sloggett himself
was always deemed an authority
on the design and construction of
wooden vessels. . . . It is given
to few men to have so complete a
mastery of their profession, as he
had not only designed, laid down,
and built ships, but had navigated
them about the world. He had a
magnificent constitution, being
active and vigorous up to old age,
with mental faculties quite unim-
paired."

Baby Smokers in England.

Hongkong people are used to
seeing Chinese boys smoking
almost as soon as they can walk;
indeed, down South, we have seen
a Malay baby-in-arms sucking at
a palm-leaf cigarette; but it is
news to most of us that there was
ever a time when English chil-
dren "used tobacco" with the
full knowledge, consent and
connivance of their parents. Yet
from a discussion on the decline
of the clay pipe recently
carried on in the "Daily Chroni-
cle," we learn that Thoresby re-
cords the following in his diary:—
"January 20, 1702, an evening
with my brother at Gurraway's
Coffee House. I was surprised
to see his sickly child of three
years old fill its pipe, and smoke
it as audaciously as a man of
three score; after that a second
and third pipe without the least
concern, as it is said to have
done a year ago." And Merson,
who visited England in 1897,
notes that "in Worcestershire
the children are sent to school
with pipes in their catcloths, and
the schoolmaster calls a halt in
their studies while they all
smoke."

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Star Ferry Accident.

An Indian who endeavoured to
board the ferry steamer last night
as it was moving from Hongkong
slipped into the water and narrow-
ly escaped being drowned. His
face was badly injured through
being crushed by the steamer.
It was miraculous how he escaped
being crushed to death between
the boat and the pier. He scram-
bled on board the boat in a
dazed condition.

COMPANY MEETING.

The Hongkong Electric Company, Ltd.

The shareholders in the above company held their twenty-third ordinary annual meeting, this noon at the offices of the company, St. George's Building. Mr. J. W. C. Bounar presided and there were also present Sir C. P. Chater, O. M. G.; Messrs. G. H. Wedderburn, H. B. Bridge acting manager, Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Dr. J. W. Noble, C. G. B. Sayer, R. F. Wright, R. C. Edwards, H. F. Rickmann, A. H. E. da Silva, O. Baptista, Leung Yan-po, To Tso-hang and Leung Wing-sang.

The secretary having read the notices convening the meeting, the chairman said:—

Increased Demand for Current.

Gentlemen, the report and account together with the auditors' certificate as set forth in the new form, having been in your hands for some days I will with your permission take them as read.

The result of the year's working must I think be considered very satisfactory, showing as it does a considerable improvement on the previous year. This is due to the increased demand for current and I am pleased to say that the demand looks as if it would still further increase in the future. During the year we have connected up 981 new consumers and our output of current has gone up about 30 per cent. To cope with this your directors have ordered other two Diesel Engines of greater power than those already in use but delivery of those will be somewhat extended as makers are very full up with orders. Since our last meeting we have extended to the Peak district and so far have met with very fair support and have every reason to hope for more. I trust you will approve of the directors' proposition for distribution of balance of profit and loss account viz:—

To pay a dividend of 14 per cent. \$84,000.00; To place to reserve \$30,000.00; To write off plant account for depreciation \$97,747.93; To write off furniture account for depreciation \$473.94; To pay a bonus to staff \$4,505.19; To carry forward \$15,873.97; Total \$232,601.03.

The dividend you will observe is being increased by 1 per cent. and in view of further extensions and the reduction of 10 per cent. on cost of current to consumers from last year, your directors do not consider it advisable to pay more. They also consider that the time has come when it would be prudent to start a reserve fund, and they propose to place \$30,000.00 to this and hope to be able to add to it in the future. The question of depreciation of plant has been so often referred to from this chair and the directors' recommendations have always been loyally supported by the shareholders that I cannot usefully say anything more than that have again made what we consider ample but necessary allowance for depreciation. The bonus to the staff calls for no comment unless to say that it has been well earned.

We have not forgotten our friends the consumers and have been able to reduce the price of current for lighting and fans by 10 per cent. and for motors and heating to 10 cents per unit. This means a good reduction based on last year's earnings but your directors feel fairly confident that this reduction will be more than made up by an increase in the number of consumers.

Directors Congratulated.

There being no questions the chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Hon. M. E. Osborne in seconding said:—I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, and in doing so I wish to congratulate the directors and the agents of the company, on the very excellent result of the year's working. I feel sure that the shareholders will cheerfully acquiesce in the proposed, well earned bonus to the staff. They will also cordially approve of your decision with regard to the formation of a reserve fund against the increased demand for current which seems likely.

or later come to every business concern, however well managed. The history of the Electric Company is, sir, a shining example of the wisdom of pursuing a policy of constant progression and strengthening the company's finances instead of paying fat dividends, a policy which has its justification in the sound position which the company holds to-day, and a policy which I can say is the wish of every shareholder should be followed. (Applause.)

The report and accounts were adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Dr. Noble seconded by Mr. Sayers Sir C. P. Chater and the Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross were re-elected directors. Messrs. W. Hutton Potts, and R. C. Edwards were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr. Wright seconded by Mr. Baptista.

THE NEW GUINEA BOY.

A Thorn in His Employer's Flesh.

It is not only in Hongkong that the "boy" is a thorn in the flesh to his employer. Listen to the wail of a Papuan Britisher who has been ventilating his woes in the "Bulletin."

"Like everything else, there are cook-boys and cook-boys. In Papua none are good, a few are fair and the rest are bad, except those who are three different kinds of horrible. The average boy is usually young, just from his village, and his ordinary knowledge consists in lighting a fire, boiling water, and using a tin-opener. With the latter implement he is an artist, and nothing pleases him more than to chop open a mob of tins for a feed. My ruffian is reasonably tame; nevertheless he still calls a corkscrew a "tin-opener belong bottle," and steals the feathers out of the roosters in the yard for his hair decorations. My knife polish he uses to oil himself, mixing it with castor oil; and this horrible stuff he rubs all over his skin because it is "a good smell." The idea of washing a saucepan fills him with disgust, and he took a lot of massaging with a thick stick before he would leave off wiping the plates on his loin-cloth. Little details like extracting the inner works of a fowl required a lot of impressing on him before he did the work properly. Generally a boy can build one dish only, and if it is a curry the boss gets curried in all stages of badness until he rushes the cook-house and shows the boy how a stew is compounded. Then he gets a change for the worse. Some boys can make bread, but these treasures are scarce, and the possessor of one is envied by his less fortunate neighbours. A meal in Papua is a chapter of surprises. Such extras in the tucker as cigarette ends, matches, bits of betel nut, and pieces of head-comb are ordinary, depreciable condiments, but Jehovah only knows what is included that the human eye cannot see. Usually the cook-boy is an out-and-out thief, and the unfortunate employer has to pay the piper. Once my month's bill for tinned stuff ran up to the dizzy height of £15, but as I had a boy from a village only three miles away, it was not to be wondered at. His relatives were like the Book of Numbers and the daughters of the horse-leech. For months afterwards, whenever I walked through that village, and saw the chubby brothers and sisters of my food ruiner, I felt that pleasing glow that is the result of a life of philanthropy, and I now know why Carnegie gives his millions away. To live a bachelor life in Papua one requires a decent salary, for the average cook-boy can waste more food than any known being. Even a ship's steward cannot hold a candle to him, and the employer has to look pleasant and foot the bill. If the storekeepers of Papua were not so mean they would raise a monument in brass to the cause of their wealth—the cook-boy, and place it in either Samarai or Port Moresby. Taking the brown cook all round, he is generally a most unsatisfactory servant, and one of the hardest things about this country of hardship. He is even worse than mosquitoes and malaria; and they are nearer the limit."

DANGEROUS CURIOS.

Shell-selling in Hankow.

A big trade has been done during the last few months in all sorts of shells and projectiles, says the Harkow "Daily News." Most of the foreigners in town as well as some Chinese have been eager to obtain these remembrances of the hot times of the Revolution and many really fine collections can be seen. The shells are now usually sold by Chinese traders who in turn by them from countrymen who have picked them up in the surrounding country. Those fellows certainly do not know whether the shell is still alive or not, and many dangerous projectiles may be found in the Concessions.

A Live Shell.

What a serious matter this is was proved recently when a boy of a local resident while dusting his masters room accidentally overturned one of the shells placed on a sideboard, which, falling down, exploded, and seriously hurt the boy. Happily this shell was only one of the smallest size; had it been a big one it might have caused much more damage or even loss of life. These live shells are always a source of possible danger, and those who do not understand the handling of them should keep away from them. It would be well if those possessing shells would take an early opportunity of having them examined by someone who can tell whether they are live or not. A neglect of this precaution may bring serious trouble to the possessors, and to others who may be with them.

THE VEGETARIAN AND SPORT.

The cause of vegetarianism has an impressive advocate in the person of Mr. S. M. Brackwoldt, a Danish gentleman, whose experiences furnish food—vegetable food—for reflection. Mr. Brackwoldt began experimenting with the reform diet at the age of thirty—which was eighteen years ago. He weaned himself from alcohol, tobacco, and other stimulants, and finally from flesh foods. By strict adherence to a diet of fresh fruit, potatoes, vegetables, and bread, he rose from the depths of nervous prostration to perfect health.

In 1905 Mr. Brackwoldt engaged in a fifty-mile road race against a number of young "meat-eaters," and came in second. The same year he ran the Marathon distance in three hours eighteen minutes. He made a six-months voyage from Copenhagen to Yokohama, and back, as a stoker and fireman on a steam packet, his daily ration consisting of three pounds of apples, two pounds of white bread, two ounces of butter, and two or three spoonfuls of sugar. He came back in better condition than he went.

While in China, he was impressed by the endurance of the rice-eating rickshaw runners, and on returning to Denmark entered upon an experiment of his own. He had a two-wheeled carriage built for him, over four hundred pounds in weight, and has often done twenty miles a day with a passenger on rough roads. He recently completed a lecture tour of Denmark, pulling his rickshaw all the way, with his daughter as passenger, and using no other diet than apples, bananas, and water. It is not to be denied that the pictures of Mr. Brackwoldt in the "Strand" from which we draw our facts show a cheerful and robust individual.

THE NEW AUSTRALIAN STAMP.

The new design for the first uniform stamp of Australia has been made public by the Postmaster-General (Mr. Frazar). The design is exceedingly simple. It consists of a dark background, with the Continent of Australia outlined as a white blank. In the centre of this open space is a kangaroo. Across the top of the stamp is the word "Australia," while at the bottom is the denomination—half penny, penny, etc. The denomination is also shown in figures in a small circle. A different colour will be adopted for each denomination.—Sydney "Evening News."

ANTARCTIC RESEARCH BY JAPANESE.

Professor Takeda Says that he did not see Scott.

Professor Takeda, of Tokyo University, the scientist who had charge of that branch of the Japanese Antarctic exploring expedition, when seen by a Sydney "Evening News" reporter on board the J.M.S. Nikko Maru, allowed himself to be interviewed through an interpreter.

"I cannot give you full information of what has been accomplished, as we are bound to keep it secret until our return to Japan," intimated the professor. "We did not meet Captain Scott, or any member of his expedition, as our objects were quite different, and led us separate ways. We expect to hear an account of Captain Scott's expedition, and by putting the two results together, much work of immense value to the scientific world will be made known."

"We conducted valuable meteorological, astronomical, and biological work, and consider the results will be eminently satisfactory. After the Kaiman Maru sailed from Sydney on November 19 last year, we went to the Bay of Whales, 78 degrees south latitude, and there carried out some important trigonometric surveys, and collected a very big variety of geological specimens. To one part of the very big ice field we gave the name of 'Yamato Plain,' this meaning Japan Plain."

A Great Question.

"A great question which has occupied the minds of the scientific world is whether King Edward VII. Land is an island or connected with Victoria Land. From our observations and calculations, which were very extensive, we are almost sure that King Edward VII. Land is an island, and we confidently expect to prove this when the results of the survey are completed. I believe that Professor David is also of opinion that it is an island. Another interesting matter which was investigated, was the influence which caused the ice barriers."

Continuing, he said that the party found the land in the region of the Bay of Whales and King Edward VII. Land to be much different from what is shown on the chart. Both the water and land were surveyed, and he stated that it was his intention before leaving for Japan, to hand over to Professor David the various specimens collected there.

Investigations were made of the Antarctic tides, the warmth, saltness, weight, and other things concerning the water. Four trips were made in Ross Sea and the results will be computed from the average. All photographs taken by the expedition will be prepared in Japan, and will also be sent to Professor David.

Many hardships were encountered during the stay among the ice. The most dangerous experience was when the party were hauling their provisions up the ice barrier. The barrier, said Professor Takeda, rears itself up about 300 feet high, and for ruggedness, resembles Sydney Heads, the only difference being that it is of ice, and hinges over. A rough track had to be hewn to the top, and the stores dragged up. The whole process was extremely hazardous, owing to the treacherous nature of the ice, which provided such a scanty foothold. However, as the expedition was only to stay a short while, the work of getting the provisions ashore had to be rushed, and it was accomplished in two and a half days.

DON'T FORGET.

To-day.

The Bijou Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
The Great Raymond at the Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.
Tuesday May 7.
Organ Recital—St. John's Cathedral 5.30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8.
R. G. Knowles at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Saturday May 11.
International Petroleum Co.'s 1st Annual Meeting, noon.
Wednesday, May 15.
Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., noon.

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

Y. M. C. A. Tournament.

The tournament in connection with the Y. M. C. A. Tennis Club is about to commence. There will be competitions for gent's singles, gent's doubles and mixed doubles, partners in case of the doubles to be drawn for.

Following is the draw for the gent's singles, the first round of which will be completed by the 15th inst.:—Longstaff (scr) plays Stevens (owes 15); Le Breton (owes 40) plays Joseland (owes 40); Carter (owes 3-5) plays Hicks (owes 15); Leach (owes 15) plays Hickling (owes 40); White (owes 15) plays Davidson (owes 15); Sison (owes 15) plays Haigh (scr); Newman (scr) plays Sowell (owes 15); Perkins (owes 15) play Middleton (owes 3-5); King (owes 15) plays Wilson (owes 15). Byes.—Hore (owes 15) plays Munday (owes 3-5); A. Vireash (owes 30) plays W. H. Vireash (owes 30); Johnson (owes 15) plays Chuynutt (scr); Trillo (scr) plays the winner of Stevens and Longstaff.

Hongkong C.C. Tournament.
In the fourth round of the "A" Class singles yesterday A. N. Joseland, a coming young player (whose odds were 3—5) successfully overcame H. A. Nisbet (owes 30—2). Victory was secured by two sets to one and 16 games to 11. Some really splendid exchanges were seen and Joseland quite deserved his win. The scores were 6—1, 4—6, 6—4.

FOOTBALL.

Second Division Cup Winners.
At the conclusion of the B.O.C. report the Ellis Cup, presented by Mr. Fredk Ellis for the second division of the Football League, will be presented to the 83rd Co., R.G.A., the winners. The medals will also be presented at the conclusion of the events.

To-day's Advertisements

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on SATURDAY, 11th inst., at 10 a.m. All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns; and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th inst., will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from at-oguide.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at consignees risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

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"E. of Japan" ...	Satur. May 11	"Allan Line" ...	Fri. June 7.
"Monteagle" ...	June 1	"E. of Britain" ...	June 28.
"E. of India" ...	June 22	"Allan Line" ...	July 19.

All steamers leave Hongkong at 6 P.M.

To Vancouver, U.C., calling at Shanghai, Nagasaki (through the Inland Sea of Japan), Kobe, Yokohama and Victoria, B.C.
Passengers booked to all the principal points in Canada, the United States and Europe, also Around the World.
For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to—
D. W. Craddock, General Freight Agent,
Corner Polder Street and Praya (Opposite Blake Pier.)

INDO-CHINA STEAM
NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

(Projected Sailings from Hongkong.—Subject to Alteration.)

For	Steamship	On
SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	CHOYSANG	Sunday, 5th May, D'light.
HOANGHAI, SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	HOPSANG	Tuesday, 7th May, Noon.
HOANGHAI, SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	CHIPSING	Thursday, 9th May, Noon.
MANILA, SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	LOONGSANG	Saturday, 11th May, 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	FOOKSANG	Sunday, 19th May, D'light.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN (Occupying 24 days).

The steamers "Kut ang," "Namang" and "Fooksang" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin, via Chingwangtan.

Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Kaiti, Laid Datu, Simporan, Tawau, Usukan, Jesselton and Labuan.
For Freight or Passage, apply to **JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LD.**
Telephone No. 215.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1912.

"SHIRE" LINE OF
STEAMERS, LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration.)

For	Steamship	DATE OF DEPARTURE
LONDON ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	FLINTSHIRE	About 19th May.
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	MONMOUTHSHIRE	1st June.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DENBIGHSHIRE	16th June.

These steamers have superior accommodation for a limited number of First Class Passengers. Cabins are situated amidships, and are fitted with electric light and fans. Attention is particularly directed to the moderate fares charged.

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AGENTS.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1912.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO,
AND
WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF
THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,
AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.,
HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

HONGKONG TO CANTON CANTON TO HONGKONG

SATURDAY, 4th MAY.

10.00 p.m. "HEUNGSHAN." 5.00 p.m. "KINSHAN."
These steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to the Superior Saloon and Cabin. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "SUI TAI" Tons 1051. S.S. "SUI AN" Tons 1051

HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 A.M. & 2 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf. Sunday at 9 A.M. & 12.30 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Sundays, at 7.30 A.M. and 5 P.M.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 5th MAY.

The Company's Steamship,

"SUI AN."

Will depart from the Company's WING LOK WHARF at 9 A.M. Departure from Macao at 5 P.M.
N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 12.30 P.M., from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

This steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 2 P.M.

FARES AS USUAL.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. HOI-SANG, 457 Tons.

Departures from Macao to Canton on Mon., Wednes., & Fri., at 9 P.M.
Departures from Canton to Macao on Tues., Thurs., & Sat., at 4.30 P.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM," 588 Tons, and "NANNING," 589 Tons.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct steamers "LINTAN" and "SANUI." These vessels have superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

Booking Office open daily (Sunday excepted) 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

For further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

HOTEL MANSIONS (FIRST FLOOR).

Opposite the City Hall.

Shipping

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamers	Sailing Dates
MARSHALL IS., LONDON & ANTWERP	HITACHI MARU, Capt. T. Yamawaki, T. 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 8th May, at Daylight.
WEST VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SOERABAYA & PORT SAID	MIYASAKI MARU, Capt. T. Mura, T. 9,000	WEDNESDAY, 22nd May, at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, SHIMIZU & YOKOHAMA	SADO MARU, Capt. K. Arakawa, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 7th May, at Noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	SINABA MARU, Capt. S. Tominga, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 21st May, at 4 P.M.
YAWATA MARU, Capt. Sakino, T. 5,000	NIKKO MARU, Capt. Yagi, T. 6,000	FRIDAY, 1st May, at Noon.
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VESSELS LOADING.

European Ports.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Despatched.
London, Rotterdam & Antwerp	Flintshire	J. M. & Co.	10 May
London and Antwerp	Douglas	J. M. & Co.	15 June
Marseilles, via Saigon	V. de la Ciotat	M. M. Co.	7 May
Marseilles, Havre and Hamburg	Sithonia	H. A. L.	27 May
Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp	O. J. P. Anders	do	5 May
Havre, Bremen and Hamburg	C. F. Laeisz	H. A. L.	10 May
do	Scandia	H. A. L.	7 June
Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp	Arendia	H. A. L.	31 May
O. J. P. Anders	Yaroslavl	M. & Co.	4 May, p.m.
Marseilles, &c., via Suez Canal	Hitachi Maru	N. Y. K.	8 May, d'light
do	Miyazaki Maru	N. Y. K.	22 May, d'light
do	Kitano Maru	N. Y. K.	5 June, d'light
Tricaste via Singapore, &c.	Bohemia	S. W. & Co.	10 May
do	E. F. Ferdinand	S. W. & Co.	1 June
do	Africa	S. W. & Co.	19 June

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

New York	Matoppe	Bank Line	15 May
San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	21 May
do	Nile	P. M. Co.	14 May, 1 p.m.
do	Persia	P. M. Co.	11 June
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan &c.	Chiyo Maru	T. K. K.	7 May
do	Nippon Maru	T. K. K.	28 May
do	Tonyo Maru	T. K. K.	4 June
do	Shiyo Maru	T. K. K.	25 June
Mexico, Peru, Chili via Japan	Hkong Maru	T. K. K.	7 June, Noon
do	Seattle Maru	O. S. K.	14 May
do	Kiyo Maru	T. K. K.	6 August
do	Buyo Maru	T. K. K.	4 October
Victoria & Tacoma via Shanghai & Japan	Mexico Maru	O. S. K.	28 May
Victoria & Seattle via Shanghai & Japan	Sado Maru	N. Y. K.	7 May, Noon
do	Tsaha Maru	N. Y. K.	21 May, 4 p.m.
Victoria, and Tacoma via Japan	C. Jengo Maru	O. S. K.	13 June
do	Tacoma Maru	O. S. K.	11 July
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Emp. of Japan	C. P. R. Co.	11 May
do	Monteagle	C. P. R. Co.	1 June
do	Empress of India	C. P. R. Co.	22 June

Australia.

Australian Ports via Manila	Yawata Maru	N. Y. K.	10 May, Noon
do	Guthrie	B. & S.	5 May
do	Coblenz	M. & Co.	18 May

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Singapore, Penang and Rangoon	Fulda	J. M. & Co.	10 May
Singapore, Colombo and Bombay	Hakata Maru	N. Y. K.	13 May
do	Kawachi Maru	N. Y. K.	27 May
do	Bombay Maru	N. Y. K.	10 June
Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta	Totomi Maru	N. Y. K.	4 May
do	Tjitraoem	J. C. J. L.	5 half May
do	Tjipanas	J. C. J. L.	F. half May
do	Tjimanoeck	J. C. J. L.	F. half May
do	Tjilatjap	J. C. J. L.	F. half May
Kudat and Sindakan	Borneo	M. & Co.	Middle of May
Kobe and Yokohama	Iyo Maru	N. Y. K.	9 May
do	Hirano Maru	N. Y. K.	23 May
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikko Maru	N. Y. K.	8 May
Manila	Yuenang	J. M. & Co.	4 May
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	10 May
Tamau via Swatow and Amoy	Daigi Maru	O. S. K.	5 May, Noon
Poochow via Swatow and Amoy	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	8 May, Noon
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Colombo Maru	N. Y. K.	22 May
do	Bunbay Maru	N. Y. K.	8 May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Monmouthshire	J. M. & Co.	1 June, about
do	Byern	H. A. L.	8 May
do	Ernest Simons	M. M. Co.	6 May
do	Alesia	H. A. L.	23 May
do	Sogovia	H. A. L.	4 June
Shanghai	Bohemia	S. W. & Co.	5 May, d'light
do	Linan	B. & S.	4 May
do	Tjipani	J. C. J. L.	F. half May
do	Tjikini	J. C. J. L.	S. half May

PASSENGERS.

Outward

Per P. and O. steamer China, connecting with the steamer Oceania at Colombo. From London March 23.

To Yokohama:—Mr. and Mrs. Trevelan and children.

To Singapore:—Mr. G. Frazer, Mr. B. R. O. Reid, Mr. H. de B. Williams, Mr. F. R. Sayers, Mr. N. W. Steinberg, Mr. H. H. Holdbrook, Mr. W. L. Horwell, Mr. W. A. Taylor, Mr. E. W. Taylor, Mr. P. A. Winter, Miss L. Shand, Mr. G. E. Teale, Mr. R. J. A. Wynne, Capt. R. L. Moore, Mr. J. Milne. To Penang: Mr. Park and child.

From Marseilles March 30.

Per P. and O. steamer Macedonia, connecting with the steamer Devonian at Colombo. From London April 4.

To Singapore:—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boyd-Walker, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lyne and child, Mr. C. E. W. Hogge, Mr. A. C. Vigers, Miss H. M. Barrett, Mr. G. Picson.

From Marseilles April 11.

To Singapore:—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Rouhens and children.

Per P. and O. steamer Noro.

From London April 6.

To Yokohama: Mr. K. Ogilvie, Mr. F. Singer.

To Shanghai:—Mrs. and Master Wedermeyer.

To Hongkong:—Mr. W. T. Harbord, Mrs. A. O. Cloverley and child, Miss King.

To Singapore:—Mrs. T. W. Rowley and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hanson, Mr. H. K. Shaw, Miss A. L. MacKenzie, Mr. W. Blake and child, Mr. and Mrs. R. Williams and child, Mr. P. Armstrong, Mr. N. Robertson, Mr. Handmann, Mr. A. E. Davis.

To Penang:—Mrs. Neubronner and children, Commander Mills, R.N., Mrs. and Misses J. F. Mills, Mr. F. H. N. Evans, Mr. T. H. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dishman, Mr. C. H. Allan and child, Mr. W. C. Harley.

To Singapore:—Mr. de Ro-

quefemil.

Per P. and O. steamer Morea, connecting with the steamer Delta at Colombo. From London, April 10.

To Shanghai: Mrs. Henderson.

To Singapore: Mr. E. A. Gibson, Mr. H. C. H. Lane.

To Penang: Mrs. and Master Jarvis.

From Marseilles, April 20.

To Shanghai: Mr. E. Fuller.

To Hongkong: Mr. H. Sutton.

To Singapore: Mr. J. Williamson.

Per P. and O. steamer Simlar, from London, April 20.

To Singapore: Mrs. W. M. Sime and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. Butler and children.

To Penang: Mr. W. Kaufmann, Mr. W. B. Milne, Mr. C. S. Gray, Mrs. Phillips.

Per P. and O. steamer Syria, from London March 23.

To Yokohama: Col. C. Furlins.

To Shanghai: Mrs. and Miss C. L. Lowden, Mr. H. M. F. Gray, Mrs. Still, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Faers and child, Mrs. and Misses Millward, Mr. R. dos Remedios, Mr. V. Heyl.

To Hongkong: Mrs. Ormiston and child, Mrs. W. J. Ratty and child, Lieut. W. F. Christian, Mr. W. S. Batcock, Miss C. L. Lordin, Mr. A. Nice, Deputy-Surg. D. T. Hoskyn.

To Samarang: Miss K. Pentreath.

To Singapore: Mr. E. Pugh, Mrs. Wolferstan, Mrs. and Miss Abrams, Mrs. J. B. Morrell, Capt. H. G. H. Morrell, Mr. W. R. G. Hickey, Mrs. E. Southern, Dr. O. Strickland, Mr. C. A. R. Goadley, Miss Anderson, Mr. W. Annett, Mr. F. R. Sayers, Mr. N. W. Steinberg, Mr. H. H. Holdbrook, Mr. W. L. Horwell, Mr. W. A. Taylor, Mr. E. W. Taylor, Mr. P. A. Winter, Miss L. Shand, Mr. G. E. Teale, Mr. R. J. A. Wynne, Capt. R. L. Moore, Mr. J. Milne, Mrs. L. W. Purchas.

To Penang: Mr. Park and child, Mr. and Mrs. F. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bailey and children, Mr. W. Field, Miss A. Borston, Mr. A. J. Hall, Miss L. Leford, Mr. C. F. Bryer, Mr. T. Grieve, Miss Gildes, Mr. O. Strickland, Mr. J. E. Wilde, Mr. D. Graham, Mr. W. S. Harding, Mrs. D. Lawler-Bailey, Mr. F. Aston.

Per N.D.L. steamer Bulow.

From Bremen March 20.

To Singapore: Mrs. M. Bolter and child.

From Rotterdam March 21.

To Singapore: Mr. C. Berlin, Miss O. van der Walk, Mr. and Mrs. W. Eynsda, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. de Kat and children.

From Southampton March 28.

To Shanghai: Miss C. Trueman.

To Japan: Miss L. Drummond.

To Singapore: Mrs. J. B. Turner. To Penang: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ramsden, Mrs. Weir and child, Mr. G. M. G. Forbes, From Genoa April 4.—To Yokohama: Mrs. R. Sulzer. To Shanghai: Mr. P. Brennschiet, Mr. and Mrs. L. Glos and child, Mrs. Weber and family. To Tsingtau: Miss L. Holland. To Hongkong: Mr. E. Bauer, Mr. H. Petersen. To Batavia: Mrs. G. Koppel. To Sourabaya: Mr. M. G. Kraulen. To Singapore: Dr. and Mrs. C. T. H. Hiernois, jun., and child, Miss H. van Aken, Mr. A. J. van Leer, Mr. J. R. Slot, Mr. P. Hoin, Mr. K. L. Jacobs, Mr. B. Grammas, Mr. F. J. Strach, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Slot, Miss H. Gried, Mr. de Rooy and family, Mr. H. A. Weysschede, Mr. W. de Graff, Mr. P. Graessle, Mr. and Mrs. M. Stock, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bub. To Penang: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ramsden, Mr. O. Schulte, Mr. C. J. Collinus, Mr. G. T. Sorona.

HOTEL LISTS.

GRAND HOTEL.

Anders, A. E.	Lynna
Atkins	Lacey
Baylis	Leich, Mrs.
Buse, Du	Lindner
Braga, J.	Luchanoff, Mr.
Brane	and Mrs.
Brown	Luchmanoff
Buhlin, F.	Messrs. & maid
Buhmann, Capt.	M. Cormack, G.
Mrs. & family	Molloy, Miss
Burns, L. N.	Molton
Bush	Miller, E. D.
Clypool	Mjell, A. T.
Cox, R.	Pels, Mr. and
Crow, Mr. & Mrs.	Mrs.
A. B.	Pato, master
Crichton, W. T.	Payton-Griffin
Dibert, Mr. & Mrs.	Pond, E. H.
Dickson, Miss	Poele, Miss
Doyle, Mr. & Mrs.	Quelly, Mr. and
Frompton, Miss	Mrs.
Frits	Rick, K.
Fulford, H. E.	Riggo, Mr. and
Greenhill	Mrs. & daughter
Game, J. Dr.	Rohrer, Mr. and
Hall	Mrs.
Hatford, Mr. and	Rogge, Dr.
Mrs.	Scheffer
Haus, Con al Sevilla	
General Von	Slack, Dr. and
Hick, Miss L. and	Mrs. and child
another	Smith, Roy, B.
Holland, C.	Snyder, Mrs. and
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Huffmann, Miss	Spilman, H. A.
Hygenfritz, Mr. and	Stewart
Mrs.	Tempest, Miss
Leon	Ternan, J.
Jahrand, Alfred	Ther, Ferd.
Jorrand	Tio, H. D.
Kerster	Tuokki
Ke, Dr. F.	Vierma M. G.
King	Viccas
Koloth, Dr.	Welch, A.
Kroslmer	Ward
Kutterer	Yong, Miss
Leuety, F. P.	

ASTON HOUSE.

Pena, G. A.	Muller, H.
Resombes, M.	No h. J. A.
Biot, L.	Parce, Nurse
Boc, A. de	Pirovano, Aug.
Brown, H.	Rankin, A. R.
Burt, H. W.	Rienze, Ch.
Cook, Mr. & Mrs.	Ritchey, E.
J. R.	Ritterband, Mrs.
Danston, J. E.	J. S.
Goklenberg, Mr. &	Robinson, H. P.
Mrs. A.	Rougen, E.
Grundo	Schramm, E. A.
Jesga, Mr. E. V.	Smith, G. R.
Johnson, T. J.	Stewart, G. M.
Jones, J. M.	Stewart, T. B.
Jones, Mrs. A. J.	Storall, Mrs. M.
Lancha, Mr. and	E.
Mrs. O. S.	Sullivan, J.
Lugli, V.	Thomas, J. E.
May, Mrs.	Waelch, J.
Mayer, Mrs.	Weber, Mrs. O. &
Momford, A.	children
Mor, Mrs. de	Weber, Otto
Morton, Mrs.	

ORANGEWOOD.

Adams, Mr. & Mrs.	Hinde, W. B.
& 2 children	Jones, H. I.
Aston, Miss and	Jones, Dr. & Mrs.
Mrs.	Evra
Bentley, J.	Mackenzie, A.
Caldwell, Mr. & Mrs.	Murphy, Mrs.
Carlson, A. E.	Smith, Mrs. G.
Chin, S. J.	Thomas, H. P.
Gaskell, Mr. and	Wiles, L. G.
Mrs. W. H.	Wood, E. M.
Gray, Sallie, Mrs.	

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Abbatucci, Dr. and	Mackie, D. D.
Mrs.	Macquoen, T. M.
Andrews, Miss I.	Marr, Dr. O.
Baldwin, Mr. and	Marsball, W. B.
Mrs. A. M.	Mason, F.
Baier, O.	McKean, Dr. W.
Bauer, E.	McKoon, Mr. &
Bate, E. R.	Mrs. C. J.
Belken, B.	Miller, F. R.
Bellos, Mr. & Mrs.	Morgan, George
B. E.	Morris, J.
Bellos, Mrs. E. R.	Morris, Mrs. K.
and maid	O.
Bill, O. D. J.	Mulder, Mr. and
Burnett, P. H.	Mrs. J. D. F.
Burt, W. H.	Newman, Mr. and
Cates, W. A.	Mrs. E.
Carry, G. P.	Noble, Mrs.
Dan'y, Miss E.	Northumb, Capt.
Davies, G. H.	and Mrs. F. D.
Davies, Hon. W.	Price, H. E.
Beer, W. O.	Ray, E. H.
Don, Miss D.	Raymond, M. F.
D'Oettingen, V.	Raymond, E. M.
Drew, W. C.	Reay, Miss F.
Drummond, Mr. &	Ricketts, W. R.
Mrs. W. V.	Rush, F. G.
Eames, E. J. W.	Ruth, V. A.
Ekel, Miss	Schwolke, W.
Ehrenfels, Mr. and	Shatto, Mrs.
Mrs. H. C.	Shelton, Mr. and
Elliot, Dr. H. St.	Mrs. E.
Chair	Skimshire, Lt.
Elliot, Mrs. H. St.	C. V. S.
Chair	Smith, E. E.
Fischer, F. A.	Smith, Eng. Lt.
Fisher, H. G.	Edgar C.
Florin, A. G.	Solomon, H. H.
Fuller, Deumas	Spalding, Dr. and
Garrow, H.	Mrs. A. D. & inf.
Gaubert, R.	Spittles, J.
George, Mr. & Mrs.	Stanford, Mr. and
F. J.	Mrs. W. E. O.
George, Miss	Staines, Lt. and
Goulbourn, V.	Mrs. O. E.
Gould, Mr. & Mrs. J.	Still, B. R.
Graves, D. M. C.	Stuart, Lee
Hale, Mr. & Mrs.	Square, Miss W.
B. A.	Symmons, W. G.
Hall, Capt. T. P.	Thornton, G.
Harrison, A.	Tolmie, Miss J. C.
Hastings, Mrs. A.	Tolvie, Miss J.
W.	W.
Hewitt, Hon. E. A.	Turnbull, Mrs. W.
o.n.o.	Y.
Hewitt, Mrs. E. A.	Uyemura, K.
Horne, R.	Vermelj, G.
Pough, Dr. F.	Vollbrecht, Mr. &
Howard, Mr. and	Mrs. E.
Mrs. E.	Warehig, Comdr.
Hoyt, Mr. & Mrs.	Watanabe, E. J.
F. W.	Watan, L.
Hunt, T. Van	Webster, Miss
Jones, H. A.	White, Mr. & Mrs.
Julian, C. O.	H. L. H.
Kabel, E. S.	Wilmarsh, A.
King, E. N.	Wilford, F. C.
Korb, W. A.	Wilkinson, S. W.
Kuseman, A.	Wilton, B. C.
Kuwada, T.	Wright, Mr. and
Langdon, T. P.	Mrs. J. F.
Leffe, L. N.	Yio, Dr. O. S.
Lehman, R.	Young, J. A.
Lloyd, G. T.	Young, D. W.
Luxmoore, Comdr.	

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

Ar n, F. A.	Lau, Mrs. &
Arzall, M. and	Mrs. O.
Mrs.	Lemaire, Mr. and
Bannatyne, Capt.	Mrs. & child
Bannatyne, Miss M.	Leffe, Capt. &
Bayly, C.	Mrs.
Beaumut, Mrs. H.	Manhoff, C. N.
Beck, Mrs. I.	Mrs. M.
Bellos, Dr.	McComack, J.
Bradshaw, H.	McHobb, Mr. and
Camps, Mrs. M.	Mrs. F. E.
Chistola, J.	Meer, T. D.
Cowan, Mrs.	Mody, Mr. & Mrs.
Dobbin, Max.	J. H. K.
Doddison, W. A.	Murray, M. F.
Ehardt, Capt. W. N.	Nobis, A. K.
Ehardt, Mrs. and	Passmore, Capt. &
child	Mrs.
Fisher, F.	Peterson, H.
French, Mrs. and	Ramsay, Mrs. R.
child	Re, E. B.
Ginkel, A.	Re, L. O.
Haskell, D.	Shearer, Mr. and
Hastings, Mr. and	Mrs. J. S.
Mrs. T. L.	Sibree, Dr. A.
Hause, F. E.	Spunge, H. S.
Hawkey, Lieut. J.	Stevenson, D. V.
Henderson, Mrs.	Stewart, Capt.
Hunter, H.	Mrs. Allan H.
Hunter, Max.	and children
Jac, Mr.	Suran, H. A.
Klingborn, Mr. and	Taylor, H. H.
Mrs.	Watkins, H.
Kra, Mr. & Mrs.	Watson, J.
W. D.	Whitman, J.
Lay, J. and	

TOUCH OF THE HOLY RAZOR.

Curious Buddhist Ceremony at Osaka.

Count Kooi Otani, Retired Lord Abbot of the Higashi Honganji temple, conducted the annual "Razor Ceremony" on Tuesday afternoon, at the Honganji Temple, Asakusa, reports the "Japan Chronicle." Over 500 men and women were there to receive the touch of the holy razor.

Toward ten o'clock in the morning people began to gather in the compound of the temple. Men were dressed soberly in haori and hakama with a piece of white cotton cloth round their necks. Women were all dressed in white and their hair was bundled up in paper. When the bronze bell of the temple struck one o'clock, the ceremony began.

Then the aged Abbot, clothed in a dark brown frock, with a square scarf glittering with gold embroidery, moved in to the place of worship, followed by a priest who carried a tray bearing a golden razor a foot long. After a silent prayer to the statue of Buddha, a priest told the crowd to be ready to be touched by the holy razor. Then every worshipper murmured his gratitude.

A priest then prepared the head of one after another as the Lord Abbot went round and touched it with the tip of the razor. The ceremony concluded in an hour; 515 persons having been initiated into the holiness of Buddhism.

After the sacrament, every one went away weeping for joy.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

Eastern Extension.

FAR EASTERN NAVAL SQUADRONS.

MARKET PRICES.

Name	Class	Tons	Guns	H.P.	Commander	Reported at
Alicia	Despatch-boat	1,700	4	2,000	Comdr. A. Lowndes	Hongkong
Astrea	2nd class cruiser	4,360	10	7,000	Captain E. B. Kiddle	Shanghai
Atlas	Admiralty tug	615	—	1,400	—	Hongkong
Bramble	Gunboat	710	—	900	Com. B. G. Washington	Kiukiang
B. itomart	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt. Com. J. M. Barker	Hankow
Cadmus	British sloop	1,070	—	1,400	Capt. H. Lynes	Hankow
Cambrion	2nd class cruiser	4,300	10	7,000	Capt. J. E. Drummond	Hongkong
Cherub	Water tank and tug	300	—	340	Master W. Smith	Hongkong
Clio	British sloop	1,070	—	1,400	Comdr. H. R. Vane	Canton
Flora	Torpedo-boat destroyer	340	6	5,700	Lt. Com. H. S. Monroe	Hongkong
Flora	2nd class cruiser	4,350	10	7,000	Capt. C. F. Corbett M.V.O.	Shanghai
Handy	Torpedo-boat destroyer	295	6	4,000	Lt. Com. R. R. Rosoman	West River
Janus	Torpedo-boat destroyer	320	6	3,900	Lt. Comdr. Maxwell	Hongkong
Kent	Armoured cruiser	9,800	14	22,000	Capt. Allen T. Hunt	Chingwan-tao
Kinsla	River gunboat	616	—	1,200	Lt. Com. H. Murray	Hankow
Morlin	Surveying ship	1,070	—	1,400	Capt. P. C. C. P. seo	Hongkong
Minotaur	Armoured cruiser	14,800	—	27,000	Capt. G. G. Cayley	Hongkong
Minotaur	Armoured cruiser	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. L. E. Power M.V.O.	Hongkong
Moorhion	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt. Com. R. G. P. Leith	West River
Newcastle	2nd class cruiser	4,800	—	22,000	Capt. G. P. E. Hunt D.S.O.	Hongkong
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	—	240	Lt. Comdr. M. Murray	Yangtze
Otter	Torpedo-boat	385	6	6,300	Capt. R. Lambie	Hongkong
Pegasus	Protected cruiser	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. F. H. Mitchell	Yangtze
Prometheus	3rd class cruiser	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. P. H. Warleigh	Hongkong
Ribble	T.B.D.	530	6	7,500	Lt. Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Hongkong
Robin	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt. Comdr. J. S. T. Van Hall	West River
Rosario	Depotship for Submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt. Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong
Sandpiper	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt. Com. E. J. J. Toothby	Hongkong
Snipe	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt. Com. Maurice Leslie	Yangtze
Taku	Torpedo boat destroyer	305	—	6,000	Lt. Comdr. Brickenden	Hongkong
Tamar	Receiving ship	1,050	—	—	Comdr. Pyres	Hongkong
Ten	River gunboat	180	2	800	Com. Hon. Guy Stopford	Chungking
Thistle	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt. Com. M. Baillie Hamilton	Hankow
Ush	T.B.D.	590	—	7,500	Lt. Comdr. B. W. Blount	Shanghai
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	390	6	6,300	Lt. Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Swatow
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	620	—	450	Lt. Com. R. L. Hancock	Hongkong
Wolland	T.B.D.	590	—	5,700	Lt. Comdr. E. T. Chambers	Shanghai
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	360	5	5,900	Lt. Com. G. B. Hartford	Hongkong
Widgeon	Gunboat	135	2	800	Comdr. M. H. Wilding	Kiating
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	2	550	Lt. Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtze
Woodlark	Gunboat	150	2	550	Lt. Comdr. G. F. Mulock	Hankow
* Flagship of Admiral Sir A. L. Wanslow, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G.						
Submarines:—						
No. 36	Lt. Comdr. Godfrey Herbert	—	—	—	—	—
No. 37	Lt. Comdr. A. A. L. Fennor	—	—	—	—	—
No. 38	Lt. Comdr. J. R. A. Cadrington	—	—	—	—	—
T.B. 035	Lt. Comdr. Woodward	—	—	—	West River	—
T.B. 036	Lt. Comdr. Davies	—	—	—	West River	—
T.B. 037	Lt. Comdr. Nicol	—	—	—	West River	—
T.B. 038	Lt. Comdr. Seymour	—	—	—	West River	—
AMERICAN.						
A-2	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. McJ. Murray	Olongapo
A-4	—	—	—	—	Lt. E. D. McWhorter	—
A-6	—	—	—	—	Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	—
A-7	—	—	—	—	Ensign C. M. Yates	—
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,430	10	7,500	Commander M. L. Bristol	—
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat des.	320	7	8,000	Lt. Com. S. C. Graves	Yangtze River
Barry	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lt. R. Hill	—
Callao	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. S. W. C. C. C.	Canton
Channoy	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lt. F. J. Fletcher	Yangtze River
Cincinnati	Protected cruiser	3,183	11	10,000	Com S. S. Robinson	Shanghai
Dale	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign J. A. Oswald	Olongapo
Decatur	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lt. B. H. Green	Yangtze River
Elcano	Gunboat	620	4	600	Lt. Com. V. S. Houston	—
Helena	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,988	Com. R. H. Jackson	—
Mohican	Tender-submarine	1,900	6	1,100	Chief Gun. J. Mitchell	Olongapo
Monitor	Monitor	3,909	6	3,900	Lt. E. P. S. S. S.	—
Monterey	Monitor	4,084	4	5,214	Com. H. A. Wiley	Swatow
Pampanga	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. C. A. Woodruff	So. P. Waters
Piscataqua	Gunboat	—	—	—	—	—
Pompey	Sen going tug	854	2	1,600	Lt. S. W. Wallace	Hongkong
Queros	Repair ship	3,085	—	—	Lt. R. V. Lowe	Shanghai
Rainbow	Gunboat	350	2	208	Lt. J. W. Schoenfeld	Yangtze Riv.
Samar	Cruiser	4,360	14	1,800	Lt. Comdr. A. N. Mitchell	Cruising
Saratoga	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. E. D. Washburn, Jr.	Ichang
Villalobos	Armoured cruiser	8,115	14	17,401	Commander H. A. Bispham	Wuchang
Wilmington	Gunboat	370	8	206	Ensign H. A. McClure	Yangtze Riv.
Wompatuck	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,894	Commander W. A. Edgar	Hongkong
Wompatuck	Tug	462	—	650	Chief Boatsw. P. F. Radcliffe	—
* Flagship of Rear Admiral Reginald F. Nicholson, Commander China Squadron.						
* Flagship of Rear Admiral Joseph B. Marlock, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Asiatic Fleet						
VESSELS TEMPORARILY ON ASIATIC STATION.						
Buffalo	Transport	6,000	6	3,600	Comdr. C. M. Stone	Swatow
Colorado	Armored cruiser	13,680	18	23,000	Capt. W. A. Gill	Olongapo
California	Armored cruiser	13,680	18	23,000	—	Olongapo
West Virginia	—	13,680	18	23,000	Capt. A. S. Halstead	Olongapo
* Flagship of Rear Admiral W. H. H. Southland						
GERMAN.						
Emden	Cruiser	3,600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Restorff	Tsingtau
Gneisenau	Armoured cruiser	11,600	36	26,000	Captain v. Usler	Tsingtau
Ilia	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Varselow	Tsingtau
Leipzig	Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Behncke	Tsingtau
Luca	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Bendemann	Tsingtau
Nurnburg	Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Monsberger	Tsingtau
Otter	River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Jantzen	Yangtze
Scharnhorst	Flagship	11,600	36	26,000	Capt. Rosing	Shanghai
S. 90	Torpedo-boat	400	8	6,500	Capt. Lut. Berrenberg	Tsingtau
Taku	Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Obt. z. S. Claassen	Tsingtau
Tiger	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Luppe	Tsingtau
Tsingtau	River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lut. Ehrh Fireks	Canton
Vaterland	River gunboat	223	4	500	Obt. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai
FRENCH.						
Dupleix	Armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	—	Hongkong
Kleber	1st Class cruiser	9,700	12	19,600	—	Saigon
Decidée	Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lt. de Linares	Saigon
Argus	River gunboat	180	6	570	Lt. de Lestienne	Canton
Vigilante	Gunboat	123	7	500	Lt. Biscall	Tongku
Pelion	Gunboat	130	—	—	Lt. Pucel	Canton
Esturgeon	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Combot	Saigon
Lynx	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Marrs	Saigon
Perle	Submarine	500	—	—	—	Saigon
Protee	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Morris	Saigon
Sty	Armoured gunboat	1,798	10	1,700	Lt. Seriot	Saigon
Fronde	Destroyer	350	7	303	—	Saigon
d'Iberville	Destroyer	250	9	—	—	Saigon Reserve
Takou	Destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. Mortenol	Hongay
Pistolet	Destroyer	307	6	300	Lt. de la R. Koranderson	Saigon
Mousquet	Destroyer	—	—	—	—	Hongay
Vanban	Torpedo-depot	—	—	—	—	Cap. St. Jacques
Veteran	Torpedo-depot	—	—	—	Lt. Bihol	Cap. St. Jacques
Manche	Surveying-ship	1,625	10	9,000	Com. Ragot de Tousse	Saigon
* Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloche de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.						
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Patric	Gunboat	200	—	—	Captain J. Milheiro	Macao

Hongkong, April 26, 1912.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut, — Mei Lung Pa	lb. 20	20
Corned Beef, — Ham Ngau Yuk	lb. 20	20
Roast, — Shiu	lb. 20	20
Breast, — Ngau Lam	lb. 16	16
Soup, — Tong Yuk	lb. 15	15
Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa	lb. 20	20
do. — Sirloin Coton — Ngau Lau	lb. 30	30
Sauages, — Ngau Chaiung	lb. 21	21
Bullock's Brains, — Know	per set 9	9
Tongus fresh, — Ngau Li	each 45	45
do. — corned, — Ham Ngau Li	each 60	60
Head, — Ngau Tun	lb. 6	6
Heart, — Ngau Sam	lb. 12	12
Pump, Salt, — Ngau Kin	lb. 18	18
Feet, — Ngau Kask	lb. 9	9
Kidneys, — Ngau Yiu	lb. 9	9
Tail, — Ngau Moi	lb. 18	18
Liver, — Ngau Kon	lb. 12	12
Tripe (undressed), — Ngau To	lb. 10	10
Calve Head & Feet, — Ngau-chai-tau-kark	set \$1	\$1
Mutton Chop, — Yeung Poi Kwat	lb. 22	22
Leg, — Yeung Poi	lb. 22	22
Sholder, — Yeung Shau	lb. 20	20
Pigs Chitlings, — Chu Chong	lb. 22	22
Brains, — Chu Know	per set 24	24
Feet, — Chu Kark	lb. 12	12
Fry, — Chu Chak	lb. 25	25
Head, — Chu Tau	lb. 15	15
Heart, — Chu Sam	each 13	13
Kidneys, — Chu Yiu	lb. 9	9
Liver, — Chu Con	lb. 30	30
Pork Chop, — Chu Poi Kwat	lb. 20	20
Corned, — Ham Chu Yuk	lb. 20	20
Leg, — Chu Poi	lb. 24	24
Fat or Lard, — Chu Yau	lb. 15	15
Sheep Head and Feet, — Yeung Tau Kark	set 50	50
Heart, — Yeung Sam	each 6	6
Kidneys, — Yeung Yiu	lb. 9	9
Liver, — Yeung Con	lb. 24	24
Sucking Pigs, To Order, — Chu Chai	lb. 22	22
Suot, Beef, — Sang Ngau Yau	lb. 20	20
Mutton, — Sang Yeung Yau	lb. 22	22
Veal, — Ngau Chai Yuk	lb. 20	20
Sauages, — Ngau Chai Chaiung	lb. 20	20

POULTRY.

Chicken, — Kai Chai	lb. 30	30
Capons, Large, Small, — Sin Kai	lb. 30	30
Ducks, — Ap	lb. 30	30
Doves, — Pan Kau	each 24	24
Eggs, Hen, — Kai Tan	per doz 24	24
Fowls, Canton, — Kai	lb. 33	33
Hainan, — Hoi Nam Kai	lb. 28	28
Geese, — Ngai	lb. 25	25
Geese, Wild, — Shing-ho Yea Ngai	pair 25	25
Musk Deer, — Wong Keng	each 1	1
Hare, Shanghai, — Tu Chai	each 1	1
Partridge, — Cho Khoo	pair \$ 1	\$ 1
Pheasant, — Shan Kai	pair 30	30
Pigeons, Canton, — Pak Kap	each 30	30
Holow, — Hoi How Pak Kap	each 25	25
Quail, — Um Chun	each 20	20
Rice Birds, — Wo Fa Choul	dozen 20	20
Snipe, — Sa Choy	each 20	20
Turkeys, Cock, — Phor Kai Kung	lb. 51	51
Hen, — Na	lb. 05	05
Wild Ducks, — Shai, — Shang hoi Sui Ap	—	—
Teal, — Sui Ap Chai	—	—
Wild Ducks Canton, — Sang Shing Sui Ap	—	—

FISH.

Barbel, — Ka Yu	lb. 9	9
Bream, — Bin Yu	lb. 16	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish, — Hoi Sin Yu	lb. 16	16
Carp, — Li Yu	lb. 22	22
Catfish, — Chik Yu	lb. 18	18
Codfish, — Mun Yu	lb. 18	18
Crabs, — Hai	lb. 20	20
Cuttle Fish, — Muk Yu	lb. 15	15
Dab, — Sa Mang Yu	lb. 14	14
Dace, — Wong Mei Lun	lb. 11	11
Dog Fish, — Tit Tu Sa	lb. 8	8
Eels, Congor, — Hoi Mann	lb. 15	15
Fresh water, — Tam Sin Yu	lb. 18	18
Eels, Yellow, — Wong Sin	lb. 28	28
Frogs, — Tien Kai	lb. 32	32
Garoupa, — Sek Pan	lb. 62	62
Gudgeon, — Pak Kung Yu	lb. 12	12
Herrings, — Tao Pak	lb. 20	20
Halibut, — Cheung Kwan Kup	lb. 28	28
Labrus, — Wong Fa Yu	lb. 18	18
Loach, — Wa Yu	lb. 28	28
Lober, — Lung Ha	lb. 20	20
Mackerel, — Chi Yu	lb. 24	24
Monk Fish, — Mong Yu	lb. 28	28
Mullet, — Chai Yu	lb. 15	15
Oysters, — Sang Hoo	lb. 20	20
Parrotfish, — Kai Kung Yu	lb. 18	18
Perch, — Tau Loo	lb. 15	15
Pike, — Fa Paw Poong	lb. 8	8
Plaice, — Pan Yu	lb. 18	18
Pomfret, Black, — Hak Chong	lb. 22	22
Pomfret, White, — Pak Chong	lb. 22	22
Pawns, — Ming Ha	lb. 62	62
Ray, — Pai Pa Sa	lb. 8	8
Rock Fish, — Sak Ka Kung	lb. 15	15
Silurus, — Ma Yu Yu	lb. 4	4

SHORT SERMON.

"Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them because they are spiritually judged." 1 Corinthians 11:14.

Unless we can understand the principle of this text we must necessarily be at sea whenever we come to read the Bible, to deal with religion, or to hear any sermon or read any religious book. We must be as much at sea as a child would be if he had a book put before him and was told to read it, while yet he had been told nothing about the alphabet. The alphabet is the key to reading. You must have this key.

Now let us first take Paul's general idea, as we have it in the passage. For if we find that the man has got hold of a great general principle, universally applicable, I am sure that you will agree that he has the right to carry your judgment and convictions with him when he applies it to the particular case in hand. As sensible men and women you will agree to that. If a principle holds good in a hundred different regions of life—all the chances are—ten million to one—that it will hold good in the one hundred and first.

His underlying thought is this, that everything can only be understood by its appropriate faculty or organ. And his further thought is that it is at the very heart of this text—that there are people who cannot perceive or understand certain things just because they do not possess this faculty or organ for perceiving them, or have ruined this faculty so fatally that it does not act, as lying for instance blinds the eye to truth. And people are very often guilty of the folly—no doubt often consciously—of denying that certain things exist in consequence of their inability to perceive them. Let us take instances.

An astronomer tells you a remarkable fact about the Pole Star, which is a very dim and poor star indeed compared with Sirius; he tells you that if you are familiar with the method of calculating parallax and with the spectroscopic you will find that the Pole Star is forty-seven times as big and bright as our sun. But suppose you are a "natural" or non-professional non-astronomical man and "receive not the things" of the professional astronomer, and deny that so much can be known about the pole star—he would say "no wonder this fact is foolishness to you; because it can only be mathematically discerned; but use my methods and you will find that it is true." It is foolish to deny the fact, because you won't use the method, which is the key.

I will take another illustration from a book called "In Guiana Forests," by Rodway, the naturalist. He says in one passage, "An ordinary traveller soon gets tired of the monotony and uniformity of the tropical forest. He sees nothing, no life, no insects. They are all hidden from him; the confused luxuriance of vegetation in all forms teaches him nothing. But the naturalist is fascinated; he sees so much. Read Waterton's 'Wanderings'; the bluff Yorkshire squire falls into raptures when he thinks of the forests of Brazil. The naturalist sees adaptation of plants and animals. 'Why? Because he has an eye to see. I am sure Paul would have been glad to read a passage like this and its reference to Charles Waterton who travelled in South America from 1812 to 1823. How plain is the truth as Rodway puts it. Why does the naturalist ordinary man find a tropical forest dull? Is it because there is nothing to see? No. Read Belt on Nicaragua, Bates on the Amazon and you see that every tropical forest bubbles over with interest. But the natural or ordinary man has not had the training in science that enables him to see things; that training we may call his eye. What should we think of a man who denied every wonderful fact in Rodway, Bates, Belt, Professor Drummond's 'Tropical Africa' because he could not see them? We should say they are scientifically discerned or judged. Get this knowledge and training and you will see right enough."

EXCESSIVE HEAT IN MANILA.

Highest Temperature for Six Years.

Hongkongites who grumbled at the heat last Monday will appreciate the woes of the Manilans with whom it was the hottest day of the year. The "Cable-News" American states that the mercury rose to a height that has not been reached for six years in the city. The maximum temperature announced by Dr. Jose Algue, of the Manila weather observatory, in a report given out late the other night was 99.5 degrees.

Not since May 1906, has the thermometer registered so near to the century mark. At that time the records say that the highest temperature reached was 99.7 degrees.

All over the city the effect of the excessive heat was felt by the inhabitants. During the hottest part of the day the streets were almost deserted and householders were loath to leave the comparative coolness and comfort of their homes.

From the present weather conditions, with the long continued dry seasons, and while records are being shattered, it seems probable that Manila will ring up an even 100 in a very short time, thereby establishing a heat record that should survive for another cycle of years.

Famine in View.

The "Manila Times" takes an exceedingly grave view of the unprecedented drought which afflicts many localities in the Philippines. It still continues and the poorer people in some communities are beginning to feel the pinch of want. Appeals for relief are coming into the executive offices of the government. Buguis from a number of towns but unfortunately the government is not in a position to extend aid. Plans looking to some form of governmental action are being tentatively discussed but nothing has been agreed upon. It would probably be necessary to convene the legislature in special session if an appropriation for relief proves necessary but it is said that contingency has not yet been considered by the acting Governor General.

Parched Districts.

The unusual heat of the last fortnight has literally parched the districts already dry from prolonged absence of rain. Grass and smaller vegetation have in many districts been scorched to death and trees are showing the effect of the heat and dryness. Food supplies for both the people and their animals have been largely affected and both are suffering from the shortage. Accurate information as to exact conditions in this respect is difficult to obtain and figures are unavailable but it is clear that a considerable number of people and animals are suffering. It is probable that, if the situation is not speedily relieved by rain, the government will call for detailed reports from all provinces.

Crop Losses.

Losses to several crops are already heavy but here again accurate information is unobtainable and reliable figures are not available. It is certain however that there will be material shortages in sugar, tobacco and rice and that coconuts and other crops will be adversely affected. If the government calls for information as to the condition of the people it is suggested that the condition of crops be also inquired into.

Fortunately some localities have had rain and will probably escape all serious consequences but here again full information is lacking. The best line furnished in this connection is the very excellent reports of the weather bureau but these are limited to their specific purpose and do not go into general details as to crops and other conditions.

Reports that reach business houses and are brought in by returning travellers and visitors indicate that many provinces have sustained severe losses.

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe. Letters for this route should be superscribed via Siberia.

The Parcel Post system in the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hupei, Hunan and Tientsin.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London	Due Shanghai
April 6th.	April 23rd.
April 10th.	April 26th.

MAILS DUE.

American, Mongolia, 7th inst.
Siberian, 8th inst., 5th inst.

MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow—Per Ha'man, 5th May, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou—Per Daigimaru, 5th May, 9 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki, and United States via Seattle—Per Minnesota, 6th May, 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 6th May, 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per Einet's Mon, 6th May, 4 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy, Fuzhou and Fochow—Per Haiyang, 7th May, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Northern China and Japan via Moji, Victoria, B.C. and United States via Tacoma—Per Sado-maru, 7th May, 10 a.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Hopsang, 7th May, 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail) (Late Letters 11.00 a.m. to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents).—Per Ville de la Cloche, 7th May, 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan, Honkulu, United States, Canada and South America via San Francisco (Europe via Siberia)—Per Chiyo-maru, 7th May, 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 7th May, 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Teao, 7th May, 3 p.m.

Straits and Ceylon—Per Hitachi-maru, 7th May, 5 p.m.

Port Bajard and Haiphong—Per Si-kiang, 8th May, 8 a.m.

Swatow—Per Hainan, 8th May, 10 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per Nikko-maru, 8th May, 11 a.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per Fuzuki, 8th May, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy, Fuzhou and Fochow—Per Kaijo-maru, 8th May, 11 a.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per G. Aponar, 8th May, noon.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 8th May, 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per Dilvara, 8th May, 3 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Moji—Per Syria, 8th May, 5 p.m.

Wahaiwei and Tientsin—Per Chip-chi, 8th May, 11 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chin-hua, 9th May, 8 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy, Fuzhou and Fochow—Per H. Ching, 10th May, 10 a.m.

Straits and Burma—Per Fa-ta, 10th May, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand—Per Yawata-maru, 10th May, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Zifro, 10th May, 8 p.m.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents. (Supplementary mail on board of the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents). (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail). The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 10th May, at 5 p.m.—Per Oriental, 11th May, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Loongsang, 11th May, 1 p.m.

Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand—Per Guthrie, 11th May, 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Anhui, 11th May, 5 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Syria left Singapore for this port yesterday at 8.30 a.m., and is due on the 8th inst., at about 8 a.m.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Persia sailed from San Francisco on the 4th inst., for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at this port on the 1st. prox.

ARRIVED.

Jaroslole, Br. s.s., 7,619, Alekseeff, 3rd May—Nagasaki 30th Mar. Coal—Order.

Persia, Br. s.s., 1,279, D. Robinson, 4th May—Singapore and Bunker, Gen.—B. & S.

Chow Tai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, W. Rohrer, 4th May—Bangkok and Swatow 3rd May, Rice—B. & S.

Bohemia, Br. s.s., 2,805, G. Batstone, 4th May—Trieste 4th April Gen.—A. L. S. N. Co.

Indramayo, Br. s.s., 3,870, T. R. Evans, 4th May—New York 9th Mar. Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Linna, Br. s.s., 1,250, C. O. Williams, 4th May—Canton 3rd May, Gen.—B. & S.

Kaijo Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,293, Y. Yamamoto, 4th May—Fochow 1st and Swatow 3rd May, Gen.—O. S. K.

Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,840, Chas. E. Page, 4th May—Saigon 28th April, Rice.—Wo Fat Sing.

Gregory Aponar, Br. s.s., 2,901, J. E. Drake, 4th May—Moji 29th April, Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Yorima-maru, for Saigon, Daigimaru, for Tamsui.

Yuen-sang, for Manila.

Bohemia, for Shanghai.

Minnesota, for Seattle.

Tijilatup, for Batavia.

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VESSELS IN PORT.

Chiyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 18,426, W. W. Groves, 24th April—San Francisco 27th Mar., Mail and Gen.—T. K. K.

Choy Sang, Br. s.s., 1,424, M. Courtney, 2nd May—Canton 1st May, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Chun Sang, Br. s.s., 1,448, O. P. Matlock, 1st May—Pulu Lant 20th April, Coal—O. S. K.

Unzi Maru, Jap. s.s., 846, Y. Somokawa, 1st May—Tamsui, via Amoy and Swatow—28th April, Gen.—O. S. K.

Devawongse, Ger. s.s., 1,007, E. Gathemann, 1st May—Saigon 27th April, Rice—B. & S.

Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,030, S. Robinson, s.s.s., 25th April—Vancouver 5th and Shanghai 24th April, Mail and Gen.—O. P. R. Co.

Guthrie, Br. s.s., 2,338, F. C. Gambrell, 1st May—Sydney via Manila 28th April, Gen.—B. & S.

Unzi Maru, Jap. s.s., 846, A. H. Stewart, 3rd May—Swatow 2nd May, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Hopang, Br. s.s., 1,869, J. M. Hay, 1st May—Cebu 14th April, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Hongkong, Br. s.s., 789, Cornelissen, 2nd May—Haiphong 20th April, Gen.—A. R. Maizy.

Loongmoon, Ger. s.s., 1,245, Von Pilgrim, 26th April—Macao 18th April, Gen.—J. C. J. L.

Lyeomoon, Ger. s.s., 1,230, Hollof, 30th April—Saigon 26th April, Rice—J. A. L.

Minnesota, Am. s.s., 13,323, T. W. Garlick, 21st April—Seattle 16th Mar., and Manila 18th April, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Neuchang, Br. s.s., 553, J. Cogan, 3rd May—Canton 2nd May, Hallast.—B. & S.

Nile, Br. s.s., 3,135, Deighton, 30th April—San Francisco 3rd April, Gen.—P. M. Co.

Petchaburi, Br. s.s., 1,373, C. Gosewich, 26th April—Bangkok 17th April, Rice.—B. & S.

Sado Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,860, K. Asakawa, 28th April—Shanghai 17th April, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Samoa, Ger. s.s., 998, R. Putensen, 29th April—Saigon 25th April, Rice—N. D. L.

Tean, Br. s.s., 1,340, A. W. Outerbridge, 3rd May—Manila 30th April, Gen.—B. & S.

SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.

2nd April—Inverclyde, Kitan Maru, Patrolos, Siontor, Tencor, Rhemus. 9th April—Aki Maru, Ambria, Bayron, Glenock, Ilyson, Indramayo, Porosus, Sonoca, Specia, Syria, India. 12th April—Denvorlich, Bulow, Ernest Simons, Karonga, Moimau, York, Africa. 16th April—Iyo Maru, Annam, Prometheas, Badenia, Kins, Bonlarig, Doublighire, Memnos, Nore, Pora, Tourane. 23rd April—Bengloe, Benlomond, Dardanus, Ghannagushire, Jason, Pakling, Patricia, Polens, Proseena, Vladimir. 26th April—Goshin, Jevrie, Mishima Maru, Nore, Prinzess Alice, Afghan Prince, Soevia. 30th April—Bhoufonton, B. B. B. Hiron Maru, Tronka, Alesia, Nelsen. 3rd May—Ajax, Australien, Monmouthshire, Nubia, Simla, Tranquebar.

Arrivals at Home—4th April—Socotra, 9th April—Aragonia, Dambos, Persia, Kamo Maru, P. E. Friedrich. 12th April—Patrolos, Siontor, Tencor, Rhemus. 16th April—Ambria, Aki Maru, York. 23rd April—Inverclyde, Specia, Africa. 26th April—Annam, Tourane, Atrons. 3rd May—Moimau, Memnos, Mishima Maru, Kins.

WATER RETURN.

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LONDON, VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	ORIENTAL Capt. A. L. Valentini	11th May.	Non.
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	GOEBEN Capt. A. Ahlborn	THU'SDAY, 16th May.
MANILA, YAP, MARON, SAMAR, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	COBLENZ Capt. L. Klugl	SATURDAY, 19th May, at 9 a.m.
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